

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 6:02 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Eric Tobin, Chairman
Commissioner Scott Brown, Member
Commissioner Charles Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

ABSENT: Commissioner Hugh Coward, Vice Chairman - Excused

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Henning, Managing Director
Pixie Coats, Board Clerk
Angie Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:02 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 3, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS COMMENTS regarding agenda items ONLY

Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, commented that under "Announcements" on the agenda, the date for the next meeting is written as July 1, 2009. It was corrected to Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Coats read the following:

- a. Received the Special Use Permit application from Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF)
- b. Received a request from SLRF for permission to install a drainage system adjacent to the Joust Field in Kimball Pines Park

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- ***Special Use Permit application from SLRF:*** Mr. Henning stated that the application from SLRF for a special use permit included their certificate of liability insurance. The event festival is being held at Kimball Pines Park from July 11 through August 9, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire Special Use Permit application. Voice vote: Motion carried.

- ***SLRF Joust Field:*** Mr. Henning stated that we also received a request from SLRF for the installation of a drainage system adjacent to the Joust Field in Kimball Pines. An explanation and diagram from SLRF was provided. During heavy rain fall, the Joust Field that consists of several inches of sand has been washed away. The water runs down the service road, over the side and across the Joust Field, taking the sand with it. SLRF is requesting permission to dig a trench and install a perforated PVC pipe to divert the water into the trees and away from the paths, road and sand. Gravel will cover the pipe. All equipment, labor, and supplies will be provided by SLRF. Mr. Henning stated that this is an acceptable method to divert the water and noted that it is a temporary measure, as the pipe can be removed and the area turned back to its original state in the future. Chairman Tobin added that County Board approval was not needed to take action on this request.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the request from Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire for the installation of a drainage system adjacent to the Joust Field in Kimball Pines Park. Voice vote: Motion carried.

- **Other:** Mr. Henning informed the Board that Kimball Pines is seeing a lot of activity due to festival prep. Wendy Graves is the new Assistant General Manger and our contact for SLRF.

We hope to use some of the Michigan Works! participants for work in our parks.

Vandalism seems to be minimal this year and we have not received any complaints regarding the parks.

Historic Bridge Park was cleaned up within the past 5-6 weeks by volunteers from the Trailway Alliance. Chairman Tobin asked the status of the Trailway Alliance. Mr. Henning provided an update on the status of the grant.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Berezonsky asked if anyone attended the Southwest Michigan Trails Summit in Kalamazoo on June 25, 2009 and noted that land owners were not invited.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Tobin asked Mr. Henning if he completed the audit of SLRF. Mr. Henning replied that he reviewed their books from last year and compared them to the narrative.

Chairman Tobin asked Mr. Henning to invite the new SLRF leadership to a Board meeting to introduce them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., following the 5:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners.

There being no additional business before the Parks Trustees Board, Chairman Tobin adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman