

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Eric J. Tobin, Chairman
Commissioner Hugh T. Coward, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Member
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Member
Kevin Henning, Managing Director
Pixie Coats, Board Clerk
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Also Present: General Public

Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Travis to approve the July 2, 2008 regular meeting minutes of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board. Voice vote: motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Henning stated that Silver Leaf moved out today and the Disc Golf World Championship starts this weekend. Over 900 people are expected to attend, both participants and spectators. We have held off on mowing, as Silver Leaf took this over before and during their festival.

Mrs. Coats noted that she did a walk through at Kimball Pines today and the park looks good. Silver Leaf has cleaned up and is removing the fencing. She commented that the participants in the Disc Golf tournament are from all over the world.

Received an email from the local Boy Scout Advisor regarding an Eagle Scout project to mark trails and post signs in the Ott Preserve and noted that she would be meeting with them next week to finalize the project.

Met with Dick Young regarding planting shrubs and flowers at Bridge Park.

SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Vern Mesler informed the Board that he has met with Tom Garnett regarding the Calhoun County trailway project and the potential to add historic bridges along the trailway. The trailway group has applied for nonprofit status and is meeting with organizations to secure funding. They are looking for a trail engineer to hire by the end of 2008 to start building a segment of the trailway in 2009. Mr. Mesler noted that he would be involved in bridge placement along the trailway.

Mr. Mesler announced that he is scheduled to do a presentation on historic bridges at Willard Library in Battle Creek on Monday, 10-6-08 - he will email more information to Mrs. Coats to pass on to the Board. He would also like to do presentations on-site at Historic Bridge Park in the hopes of securing volunteers to maintain the parks. He also noted that he would have the bridge books available for sale at this presentation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tobin asked about moving the disc golf baskets at Kimball Pines. Mrs. Coats noted that those baskets in the Silver Leaf area would be moved after the tournament. He also commented that he likes the idea of using the bridges on the trailway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 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 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman