

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 5:59 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
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 5:59 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS COMMENTS regarding agenda items ONLY

Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, commented that the minutes were not read in the public forum.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Tobin introduced Life Scout Colin Mengel who is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Mengel explained that his Eagle Scout project is to put in approximately 30 trail signs at the Ott Preserve. The type of wood he is using for the signs is Brazilian Walnut because it is resistant to decay and has a 70-80 year life span. Included on the trail signs will be the distance of that particular trail, as well as arrows. The trail signs will be color coded to correspond with the brochure map. Arrow posts will be installed to assist people in staying on the designated trails. Mr. Mengel will be using a post hole digger to install the signs and the posts will be set in concrete for stabilization and theft prevention.

Commissioner Vreeland asked what material would be used to make the posts and the expense of the project. Mr. Mengel responded that the posts would be made of the same material as the signs, Brazilian Walnut, and he has done quite a bit of fundraising to cover the project expenses. Commissioner Vreeland asked if the concrete would go around the lower end of the post or used as a base underneath. Mr. Mengel replied that the concrete would be a base underneath the post that would be covered with dirt.

Commissioner Brown commented that he is very impressed with the project and asked how long it would take to complete. Mr. Mengel replied that he is estimating that the project will take 3-4 weeks.

Commissioner Tobin suggested that the Trailway Alliance volunteer group may be able to provide assistance with sign installation.

Commissioner Monaweck asked if the posts would be set on a piece of concrete, as in pole building construction, or if the base of the pole would be encapsulated in concrete. Mr. Mengel replied that holes

would be dug about 3 feet into the ground, followed by concrete. The post would be set into the concrete base and covered with dirt.

On behalf of the Parks Trustees Board, Commissioner Tobin thanked Mr. Mengel for all his time and effort spent on the project to date.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Henning stated that everything was going well with the Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire at Kimball Pines.

Mr. Henning thanked Mr. Colin Mengel for choosing the Ott Preserve for his Eagle Scout project and noted that no other Life Scouts have undertaken a project of this size. He stated his appreciation to Mr. Mengel for his commitment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, asked if the posts were approved by contractors.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

On behalf of the Parks Trustees Board, Chairman Tobin thanked Colin Mengel for his work on this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 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 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman