

OSCEOLA COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
Parks Commission Meeting
July 25, 2019

The Osceola County Parks Commissioner meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm. The pledge to the Flag and Prayer was offered.

Roll call: Commissioners Gregory, Custer, Elkins, Thompson, Belden and Hoaglund were present.
Also, present: Office personnel: Director - Carl Baumgras and Bookkeeper - Julie Homan, Crittenden Park: Richard & Merry Cook; Rose Lake Park: Brian & Denise Robertson;

Motion by Commissioner Thompson, supported by Commissioner Hoaglund to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.

Brief Public Comment:

Bob Johnson, camper and volunteer at Rose Lake Park spoke to the Parks Commissioners regarding the seasonal lottery drawing and if seasonal campers could retain their sites without going through the lottery drawings.

Donnie Dennis, camper at Crittenden Park spoke to the Parks Commissioners regarding the firework display he displayed on Big Lake with costs of \$3000.00 and asked for park donations for the display.

Trevor Giles, Mayor of Reed City spoke of the open carry policy, MCL 123.1102 and that the parks have no grounds for the policy of no open carry in the parks.

Tom Lambert, President of Michigan Open Carry spoke of the open carry policy with the parks and his correspondence with the Parks Director and Sheriff Halladay. He asked the Parks Commission to remove it from our policy within Osceola County Parks or would help with rewording the policy if needed.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Thompson to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 as written. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.

Personnel Committee Report from July 9, 2019: 2 recommendations were received:

Recommendation #1 by Commissioner Thompson, supported by Hoaglund to offer employment for the bookkeeper job to Brenda Ledbetter. Recommendation carried unanimously. Recommendation rescinded because Brenda Ledbetter has taken a position elsewhere.

Recommendation #2 by Commissioner Thompson, supported by Hoaglund to implement the universal county time sheet for all personnel to use and to still use the weekly time report currently being used by park personnel to continue as well and to be reviewed by Parks Director. Recommendation carried and Commissioner Gregory moved for support, Commissioner Belden supported. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.

Finance Committee Report from June 18, 2019: 2 recommendations were received:

Recommendation #1 by Commissioner Tribley, supported by Hoaglund to pay for the repair costs to the north well at Rose Lake Park to Waldron Well Drilling of Evart for \$3,585.50. Recommendation carried unanimously. Commissioner Elkins moved for support; Commissioner Hoaglund supported. Motion carried with 5 yes votes and 1 nay.

Recommendation #2 by Commissioner Tribley, supported by Hoaglund to move forward with RFB on engineering plans for the Rose Lake Park boat launch repairs. Recommendation carried unanimously. Commissioner Elkins moved for support; Commissioner Custer supported. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.

New Business:

- a. Open Carry Signage was moved prior to old business to accommodate the audience in attendance. Discussion was received regarding the Osceola County Parks Policy on Open Carry from the May 21, 2019 meeting that was created and posted in our parks. **Motion by Commissioner Hoaglund, supported by Commissioner Elkins to remove the Parks Rule #1 for Open Carry and use of firearms will not be allowed in the parks on our rates and rules brochure, remove from our website and take down park signage to this affect. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.**

Old Business:

- a. A report was given by the Parks Directors. Discussion was received regarding income and attendance at both parks is very good, vandalism reported at both parks in restrooms, Gypsy moth issues, group camping on Rose Lake map and brochure needs to be removed, Rose Lake Park Store operation for 2020 and advertising this is needed, Rose Lake restroom windows need replacement, and boats and parking on parks shoreline a problem.

- b. A report was given by the bookkeeper on the revenues, expenditures and check book balance for both parks. Budget Amendment # 1 was received. **Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Thompson to approve Budget Amendment #1 for a debit of \$1000.00 to Equipment Maintenance and credit to Bank Charges. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.**
- c. A report was received regarding the Michigan Passport Grant for upgrade to sections I, J, & L of Rose Lake Park.
- d. A report and bids for Engineering was received regarding the Michigan Waterways Grant for upgrade to the boat launch for Rose Lake Park. **Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Thompson to approve \$3500.00 to MCSA Group of East Grand Rapids to produce engineering drawing for the Rose Lake Boat Launch Grant, with \$750.00 for oversight if needed. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.**
- e. Quotes were received for a heater/air conditioner and labor at Crittenden park. Bids were removed from the agenda and no action will be taken regarding the heater/air conditioner and labor for Crittenden Park.
- f. Reports were received regarding the Crittenden restroom replacement. Crittenden Park needs to formulate a plan to move forward and research the budget for this replacement cost. This will be tabled for future meeting.
- g. A price quote summary was reviewed for the purchase of a copier for the Parks office. **Motion by Commissioner Custer, supported by Commissioner Belden to approve the purchase of a Sharp copier from River City Business of Wyoming, Michigan for \$1395.00. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.**
- h. A report of the sale of Albright Church Camp of Hersey was received by Commissioner Elkins. Commissioner Elkins discussed Patrick Tiedt, a member of the Methodist Church discussing grant money from the DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund for Osceola County to purchase the Albright Camp in Hersey. Commissioner Elkins will follow up on pricing and report his findings at a future meeting.
- i. Steve Hedstrom and Ashley Bellcamp were present to discuss Disc Golf Course **Motion be Commissioner Thompson, supported by Commission Tribley move forward reviewing grant money to pay for this Disc Golf Course in Rose Lake Park. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.**
- j. The report on the parks upcoming projected projects and Five-Year Plan were received.

New Business:

- b. A report of the Rose Lake Store was received and discussed. **Motion be Commissioner Hoaglund, supported by Commission Custer to advertise the Rose Lake Store operation position for the 2020 season. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.**

Other Business: none.

Board/Staff Comments: Rick Lucas was at Rose Lake Park and will report a summary on the trees condition. Nancy Crawford, Register of Deeds retirement scheduled for July 30th at 2:00 p.m. was received.

Extended Public Comments: Bob Johnson from the Rose Lake Park asked again for seasonal sites with customers returning to be considered 1st for the lottery drawing and the parks will review this for the 2021 season. Trevor Giles Mayor of Reed City spoke regarding the Disc Golf course and would like to work together regarding the grant applications needed to put a course in at Westerberg Park in City of Reed City and at Rose Lake Park. Tom Lambert thanked the Board for banishing the open carry policy and spoke of assistance regarding any future course of action taken, his organization would be more than willing to assist.

Moved by Commissioner Belden, seconded by Commissioner Custer to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried with 6 yes votes.

Julie K. Homan, Bookkeeper

Mark Gregory, Chairman