

Approved
Delta County Parks Commission
February 28, 2007, Minutes

I. ROLL CALL – 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Elegeert, Herioux, Jussila, Lantagne, Larrabee, O’Driscoll, Rivard, Romps, Shirley and Thill.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Manager Ness, Asst. Mgr Smith, Operations Manager Branz and Forrester Mattson

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Motioned by Thill, seconded by Elegeert to nominate Jussila for Chairman. MOTION CARRIED.

III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Motioned by Elegeert, seconded by Rivard to nominate Romps for Vice-Chairman. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL: Commissioner Herioux asked for change of meeting time is added to agenda. Motioned by Lantagne, seconded by Elegeert to approve February 28 agenda with addition of meeting time. MOTION CARRIED.

V. MINUTES: Commissioner Thill asked that under “Public Comment” – Garden Township be changed to Fairbanks Township. Moved by Commissioner Jussila and supported by Commissioner Thill to approve the December 13, 2006 minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. TERM LIMIT ASSIGNMENTS: Smith explained the term limits given to all members of the Parks Board. County Board will approve these term limits at the March 6, 2007 Board meeting.

VI. REPORTS:

A. **Chairman’s Report:** Welcome to all new members and welcome back to those continuing to serve.

a. **Meeting times:** Motioned by Herioux to have the meeting times of the Parks meetings moved from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Larrabee seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

B. **Finance Report:**

1) 1) Payment of Bills: Moved by Commissioner Thill and supported by Commissioner Lantagne to approve the bills, totaling \$426.15.

D. **Operations Manager Report:**

1) Branz went through the Goals/Objectives Sheet with updates on the status of projects being worked on and completions. These will be updated and given out to board members regularly.

2) Corrections department was contacted regarding Sac Bay park maintenance in the summer. Not in their budget for this year; Gary will find out deadline for next year’s budget. Contracted with Ranguette Lawn Care (contractor last year) and added a check list to be handed in with monthly bill. Contract price is \$200.00 per month for 4 months (June, July August and September).

3) Gave update on the DNR meeting in Marquette. Meeting was for the Natural Resources Trust Fund application and process.

C. **Forester Mattson:**

a. Sac Bay Timber Cutting is complete. Will get final tally on what was made on scale sale and will settle up contract. Clean up was discussed. Commissioner Thill is interested in just going in and cleaning up. Commissioner Elegeert questioned the liability policy of the County if damage was done, or injury happened to anyone. The board agreed to allow Commissioner Thill to clean up Sac Bay, contingent on the County liability policy.

Sac Bay Kayak Path – Discussion was held. Clean Water Initiative Grant is being applied for this year. More information to follow.

- b. Fuller – Beach project coming up. All permits are in. Bidding the work out – will be done prior to May opening. Bids will be opened at the April 25th board meeting. Project to be completed by Opening of Fuller Park, end of May 2007. \$2,500.00 in budget for the work. Rory will give us contract and address labels, administration will mail out. Grant is possible for the work. Rory fit it into a grant, and we are waiting on this.
Fuller – Timber Sale – Pursue Spring 07 with cut in Winter 07-08.
- c. Pioneer Trail Park – Timber Cut: Map of Woods was given out to board. Discussion was held. Recommendation was given to put the cutting plan into the large park plan with public input. Just get rid of the dead areas that are potentially hazardous.
PTP – Islands – Rory will check on landowner and possible selling price. Get name to board members; ideas are to connect to PTP property as nature trails, etc.
- d. Rapid River Falls – Footbridge – connect to Ski Trail. Rory is meeting with Ann Okonek to discuss what needs to happen. Partnership could result in more grants for Park.
R.R. Flowing Well – recapped what was taking place with well for new board members. Will continue with plan, working with the Boy Scouts – creating a waterfall design. Spring 2007 target date for work and completion.
- e. Fish Dam – Property Trade – discussion held regarding possible trade for parks that would create revenue through timber management. Rory has spoken with Dave Silva – Head Ranger in Rapid River. The access site for fishing is contracted to the DNR. (25-year maintenance contract). They would still keep this. Forest service is not interested in the access site.
- f. Statewide Conservation Summit – Discussion held regarding funding for conservation in state of Michigan.

(Rory will bring in aerial photos of all parks for next board meeting. Rory will write up the bids for Fuller Park clean up. When the weather gets nicer, he will look at the bridge at RR Falls Park, start the flowing well design and then the board and Rory will start working on public meetings for the master county park plan.)

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rivard gave update to financial discrepancies between the Parks books and the county books. Rivard informed the board that Anderson/Tackman is auditing and we need to wait until the audit is completed. This should be accomplished within approximately 2 – 3 weeks.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Thill welcomed all new members.

VIII. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Elegeert, seconded by Commissioner Thill to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelly J. Smith, Assistant Manager

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Ken Jussila, Chairman