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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.

Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds Pavilion, 4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove MI

Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag: Recited in unison as led by Chairman McKay

Roll call: Roger Allen (Board of Commissioners), David Barrios, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa (Planning Commission), Bob Mantey (Drain Commissioner), Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Robert McKay, Gerald Peterson, Mary Stec, Kim Vaughan, Chairman of Road Commission (or designated Road Commissioner).

Call to order: With quorum present that consisted of Roger Allen, David Barrios, Cynthia Kapa, Chairman Robert McKay, Mary Stec, and Kim Vaughan, meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 1:30 p.m.

Others present: Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland and Pam Shook, Park Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds.

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2015 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting moved by Allen, supported by Barrios, and approved unanimously

Approval of agenda: Approval of revised agenda moved by Barrios, supported by Allen, and approved unanimously

Review of correspondence(s) received: Copy of April 20, 2015, letter to Mary Stec from Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting, informing Ms. Stec of her appointment by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Review of Newsworthy items: nothing presented

Public comments:

- 1) Overview of the Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds provided by Pam Shook, as well as matters pertaining to tree-trimming and lawn-mowing;
- 2) Mike Hoagland discussed tree-trimming and issues related to having Tuscola County Road Commission undertake grading of roads in park, inclusive of cost estimate. Controller Hoagland also mentioned that the possibility of obtaining a wi-fi tower at little or no expense from Akron Public School did not materialize.

Business:

- 1) Commission was familiarized with park and campgrounds facilities, geographical boundaries, and services presently available;

2) Maintenance matters were discussed by members of the Commission as well as Pam Shook and Mike Hoagland. Commissioner Vaughn suggested that the most immediate needs at the Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds were: a) have the roads graded; b) have dead tree limbs removed as a matter of safety; and c) that a water faucet needed to be provided for access to potable water in the park;

3) Discussion continued with regard to what improvements would be appropriate for the Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds, with emphasis being placed on this being accomplished through DNR Trust Fund grants. Ideas discussed included: a) road improvement; b) installation of water; c) creation of a volleyball court as well as possibly a horseshoe pit as part of making the place more inviting for family gatherings such as reunions and graduation parties; and

4) Controller Hoagland was asked if he could have the Director of Tuscola Buildings and Grounds, Mike Miller, look into the matter of having a sign located at or near the Quanicassee Boat ramp indicating the nearby and convenient presence of the Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds.

Public comments: none

Business to be carried over to next meeting:

- 1) Report from Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney on park rule and traffic regulation enforcement at county parks in adjacent counties;
- 3) Begin work on identifying project(s) for 2016 DNR Trust Fund grant submission(s) for projects in Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds;
- 4) Matters pertaining to legal boundary of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds; and
- 4) Wide range of additional maintenance, policy, and capital improvements related to Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds.

Announcements and/or further comments by Commissioners: none

Scheduling of next meeting: The next meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, Regular Meeting, is scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Purdy Building, the location of which is 125 W. Lincoln Street in Caro MI.

Subsequently, the date of the meeting was changed by the Chairman to Wednesday, July 29, owing to the unavailability of the meeting venue on July 17.

Adjournment: Moved by Barrios, supported by Allen – unanimous vote to adjourn at 3:35 p.m.

Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission Mission Statement

The mission of the Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission is to provide and coordinate year-round recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, and to meet the needs of area residents and regional visitors while protecting wildlife and nature.