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

Held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.

as convened at

H.H. Purdy Building, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro 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, Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chairman 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, Steve Erickson, Chairman Robert McKay, Vice Chairman Gerald Peterson, and Kim Vaughan, the 2nd quarter Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman McKay at 1:30 p.m.

Others present: Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of June 17, 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 Erickson, supported by Peterson, and approved unanimously

Review of correspondence(s) received: extract of Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from 2015-06-25, to wit:

-Vanderbilt Park Update -

-Kim Vaughan from the Parks and Recreation Committee presented to the Board ideas on how to improve the Park.

- *Improve the road.*
- *Install water to the campground.*
- *Improve/move the volleyball court and horseshoe pit.*
- *Make the park a place for families to gather for family reunions and graduation parties.*

Mike Miller has received bids to have the 3 oak trees removed: Kappen Tree Service - \$1,900.00; Trees R Us - \$1,125.00; A Cut Above Tree Service - \$1,050.00.

Mike Miller has sent an email to the State requesting a sign to be placed at the boat launch.

Review of Newsworthy items: nothing presented

Public comments: none

Business:

1) Legal opinion on feasibility of creating Special Assessment District to fund Tuscola County Park and Campground presented and discussed . . . that being while legal, it would be logistically impractical. (see attachment);

2) Property boundary of Tuscola County Vanderbilt Park and Campground was discussed with pertinent maps and documents presented. The ensuing discussion described how there had been an error in the original conveyance of the property to Tuscola County in 1938 that was inconsistent with the 1942 plat of Vanderbilt Subdivision. Further discussion focused on a 1953 Tuscola County Circuit Court decision that corrected the wording on the 1938 deed so as to effectively relocate and define a 66' wide strip of land to be used as an access to Vanderbilt Park to mean Beach Road as shown south of the subdivision instead of running through platted subdivision parcels. Knowledge of the Court determination was not known by the surveyor who conducted a land survey of the property in 1991, so the resulting maps from that survey are to be considered erroneous with respect to its depiction of road access to Vanderbilt Park from the west. (see attached documents);

3) Discussion ensued regarding further options for funding Tuscola County Vanderbilt Park and Campgrounds resulting in a resolution by the Commission that a request for a millage issue be recommended to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Allen, supported by Peterson, and approved unanimously; and

4) The matter of applying for a DNR Trust Fund grant, and/or other grants, was discussed. That resulted in a resolution to apply for one or more such grants in the current grant cycle utilizing the grant-writing expertise of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation. Motion made by Allen, supported by Vaughn, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: none

Business to be carried over to next meeting:

1) Results of any action by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners regarding a parking ordinance or millage request for Tuscola County Vanderbilt Park and Campgrounds;

2) Continued work on preparing 2016 DNR Trust Fund grant submission(s) for improvements in Tuscola County Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds and beginning the grant-writing process;

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 Wednesday, October 21, 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, after consultation with members of the Commission individually, the time of the next meeting was changed by the Chairman to 6:30 pm so as to accommodate a presentation to the Commission by State Senator Mike Green regarding horse trails.

Adjournment: Moved by Barrios, supported by Allen – unanimous vote to adjourn at 2:33 p.m.