



Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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MINUTES OF THE 4TH QUARTER REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

H.H. Purdy Building Commissioners' Board Room,
125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI 48723

Roll call: David Barrios, Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa (Planning Commission), Bob Mantey (Drain Commissioner), Julie Matuszak (Designated Road Commissioner), Robert McKay (Chairman), Gerald Peterson (Vice Chairman), and Kim Vaughan (Tuscola County Board of Commissioners).

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of David Barrios, Terri Lynn Eden, Robert McKay, Jerry Peterson, and Kim Vaughan, the rescheduled 4th Quarter Regular meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:01 pm by Chairman McKay.

Others present: Pam Shook, Assistant Park Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds; Mike Miller, Director of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department; Tim Green of Tuscola County Information Systems Department.

Approval of agenda: Approval of revised agenda moved by Erickson, supported by Peterson, and passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes (as corrected) of August 24, 2017, 3rd Quarter Regular Meeting moved by Peterson, supported by Vaughan, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: -- none --

Review of correspondence(s) received, and/or relevant actions by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners: extract of Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as follows:

2017-09-28: New Business

-- Vanderbilt Park Update: Mike Hoagland updated the Board that himself, Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Vaughan met with officials from Nextera regarding monetary assistance to improve Vanderbilt Park. An update on the grant funds was provided by Mike Miller. Board discussed the matter.

17-M-167: Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that in order to complete the budgeted Vanderbilt Park improvements for the start of the 2018 season, this project move forward using budgeted county funds. The decision to use county funds is being done because of the extremely overly demanding and time consuming Passport Grant procedures which would prevent this project from being completed b the start of the 2018 season. Also, notification be sent to the State that the County is discontinuing the Passport Grant. Motion carried.

2017-10-12: New Business

-- Vanderbilt Park Bids: Mike Miller opened the sealed bids for the Park Project.

** Bourdow Contracting, Carrollton - \$70,523.00*

** R. Kern and Sons, Vassar - \$42,975.47*

** McFarland Excavating, Wisner - \$38,210.00*

Board discussed matter and bids received.

17-M-179: Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Vanderbilt Park improvements bid be awarded to McFarland Excavating who was the low bidder for an amount of \$38,210.00. Motion carried.

Wade McFarland is appreciative of being awarded the bid. His projected start date is November 1, 2017.

Media coverage and other items related to Parks and Recreation: -- none --

Public comments: -- none --

Old Business:

- 1) Reported by Mike Miller of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department that Michigan Department of Natural Resources had been informed of fallen dead tree blocking ice fisherman access to Saginaw Bay, and the DNR has accepted responsibility to remove same;
- 2) Tuscola County Commissioner Kim Vaughan reported that the DNR Passport Grant previously received has subsequently been surrendered to the State of Michigan by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners so improvements to Vanderbilt County Park and Campground will be funded by a combination of Tuscola County general funds as well as corporate donations.

New Business:

- 1) Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission schedule of Regular Quarterly Meetings for 2018 moved by Erickson, seconded by Vaughan, and passed unanimously as:

1st Quarter Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 3:00 pm in Commissioners' Board Room of H.H. Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI;

2nd Quarter Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 3:00 pm in Commissioners' Board Room of H.H. Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI;

3rd Quarter Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 26, 3:00 pm in Picnic Pavilion of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds located at 4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove MI;

4th Quarter Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 25, 3:00 pm in Commissioners' Board Room of H.H. Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI.

Special meetings, if necessary, will typically be scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building; though day of the week, time of day, and location of special meetings are subject to exigencies and determination by Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.

- 2) Commissioner Terri Lynn Eden reported on 'Committee of One' progress with respect to Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission web site with expectation of having revised web site "up and running" in January 2018.
- 3) Review of membership of Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, terms of office, and interest of persons with terms expiring as to their seeking reappointment:

Members appointed by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:

David Barrios, appointed January 2015
term expires December 31, 2017
-- will not seek reappointment --

Terri Eden, appointed March 16, 2017
term expires December 31, 2018

Steve Erickson, appointed January 2015
term expires December 31, 2017
-- will be seeking reappointment --

Robert McKay, appointed October 26, 2016
term expires December 31, 2018

Gerald Peterson, appointed October 26, 2016
term expires December 31, 2019

Kim Vaughan, appointed October 26, 2016
term expires December 31, 2019
(also appointed BOC liason on 1/3/17 by as per 17-M-005)

Statutory positions as per MCL 46.351:

Cynthia Kapa, Planning Commission
Statutory seat

Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner
Statutory seat

Julie Matuszk, Road Commission
Statutory seat

- 4) Presentation by Chairman McKay of Michigan Department of Transportation Bay Region Regional Nonmotorized Plan with invitation to attend meeting on same October 26, 2017, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Tuscola Intermediate School District, 1401 Cleaver Road, Caro MI. Other presentation dates and locations include: October 17 in Saginaw MI, November 1 in Mt. Pleasant, and November 9 in Imlay City.

- 5) Members of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation challenged to individually review Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission's Mission Statement which currently reads, "*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.*"

Public comments: -- none --

Announcements and/or further comments by Commissioners: -- none --

Business to be carried over to next meeting:

- 1) Review of Tuscola county Parks and Recreation Commission's Mission Statement;
- 2) Developing non-motorized transportation plans.

Scheduling of next meeting: The next meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the 1st Quarter Regular Meeting which will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W. Lincoln Street in Caro MI.

Adjournment: Moved by Erickson, supported by Barrios, voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:55 p.m.

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