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MINUTES OF THE 1ST QUARTER RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
H.H. Purdy Building Commissioners' Board Room
125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI 48723

Roll call: Terri Eden, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa (Planning Commission), Bob Mantey (Drain Commissioner – or his designee: Dara McGarry or Jody Vrable), Julie Matuszak (Designated Road Commissioner), Robert McKay (Chairman), Jerry Peterson (Vice Chairman), Kim Vaughan, (Tuscola County Board of Commissioners).

Excused Absence: Cynthia Kapa, Julie Matuszak, Kim Vaughan

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Erickson, Dara McGarry, Robert McKay, Jerry Peterson, and Kim Vaughan, the rescheduled 1st Quarter Regular meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:08 pm by Chairman McKay.

Others present: - none -

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

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2018, 4th Quarter Regular Meeting moved by Peterson, supported by Eden, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: -- none --

Review of correspondence(s) received, and/or relevant actions by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners: - none -

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extracts from Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as follow:

2018-10-25 Consent Agenda from 2018-10-22 Committee of the Whole:

New Business - Engineering Proposal for Work at Vanderbilt Park - Mike Miller explained request and proposed quote which includes the design of the system which would need approved at that point. It would also certify the current system.

Motion 18-M-174 by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve entering into a service contract with Phillips Engineering for \$3,700 to design a commercial septic system for bidding and to verify the adequacy of the water system previously installed at the park. Also, service contract signatures and appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

Robert McKay, Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, sent a letter to Chairman Bardwell requesting that the 2019 Budget Development include the funding to remove phragmites at Vanderbilt Park. Matter discussed and referred to Committee of the Whole meeting.

2018-12-13 Consent Agenda from 2018-12-03 Committee of the Whole:

Move that members be re-appointed to various Boards and Commissions per the list as provided by the County Clerk including:

Robert McKay, Parks and Recreation, 3 years, 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2021

Terri Eden, Parks and Recreation, 3 years, 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2021

2018-12-27 New Business – IRS Mileage Rate Change

Motion 18-M-227 by Young, seconded by Jensen that per the correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service that effective January 1, 2019, the standard county mileage rate be increased from \$0.545 per mile to \$0.58 per mile. Motion carried.

2019-01-02 Organizational Meeting – (selected committee assignments)

Commissioner Vaughan – Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Grimshaw – Cass River Greenways

Media coverage and other items related to Parks and Recreation:

Tuscola County Advertiser, November 7, 2018, “Land for Sale: State Seeks Bids for Former Prison Camp, Caro Center Parcels” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, November 7, 2018, “Vassar Township Okays Permit Cash” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, December 8, 2018, “Cass City OK’s Bids for Pool Work” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, December 8, 2018, “Financial Support Sought for Dam Repairs” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, December 15, 2018, “Butterflies to Help Vassar Cut Costs” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, December 22, 2018, “Reese Wants Park Plan” by Mark Haney.

Detroit News, December 23, 2018, “Michigan Designates First State Water Trails”.

MDOT Press Release, January 2, 2019, “Michigan seeks input on long-range transportation plan” by Kyle Haller, MDOT Planner.

Frankenmuth News, January 9, 2019, “Cass River Greenway Committee Dedicated to Improving River Recreation, Water Quality”.

Tuscola County Advertiser, January 19, 2019, “Formal Wedding – Cass River Group Begins to Create Coalition” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, January 19, 2019, “Ice-Fishing, Put on Ice: Anglers Arriving Finally” by Tom Gilchrist.

Bay City Times, February 6, 2019, “Bay City Joins County Area Recreation Plan’ by Chris Ehrmann.

Tuscola County Advertiser, February 6, 2019, “Work Planned for Cass City Park” by Mark Haney.

Business carried over from last meeting:

1) The previously adopted recommendation to Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to request of Michigan Legislature that MCL 45.351 (County and Regional Parks, Act 261 of 1965) be amended by the inclusion of the underlined language shown as follows was considered by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its February 11 Committee of the Whole meeting with no action being taken.

New Business

1) Review of Section 7 on Attendance of Tuscola County’s Boards and Commissions Appointment Policy (reconfirmed Motion 17-M-218) which reads as follows:

All members of committees, boards, and commissions are expected to have at least a 75% attendance record, and to not miss more than three (3) meetings in a row without an acceptable excuse, made in writing to the Board Chair/Secretary. Individuals violating the rule above may be removed from the appointed membership by the Board of Commissioners.

Board Chair/Secretary from all committees, boards, and commissions are to forward to the County Clerk the name(s) of the individual(s) in violation of the above rule.

The County Board of Commissioners may remove an officer or agent following the procedures of MCL 46.11.

2) Change of current meeting date of quarterly “fourth Thursday of the month” to “first Thursday of the month” to accommodate conflict with Tuscola County Road Commission representative attending Bluewater meetings held quarterly on fourth Thursdays:

Motion by Erickson, supported by Eden, that meeting day of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission be set as the first Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm subject to availability of venue.

Motion passed unanimously;

3) Provision for *per diem* and mileage reimbursement being paid to Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission member attending Cass River Greenway meetings and other meetings of significance to the mission and objectives of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission:

Motion by Erickson, supported by Peterson, that as of February 1, 2019, the Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission or his appointed representative receive standard county *per diem* payment and mileage reimbursement for attending Cass River Greenway meetings and any other meetings related to the business of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission that are held in Tuscola County or any of the immediately adjacent counties.

Motion passed unanimously;

4) Announcement of plans for website to be upgraded to include media stories referenced in meetings past;

5) Appointment of Terry Lynn Eden as a “committee of one” to investigate modalities, practicalities, and possibilities of establishing and defining a “Bird Trail” (for bird watchers) along the Saginaw Bay coastline from Vanderbilt County Park and Campground to Fish Point;

6) Report by Chairman as to matters of significance raised at Iron Belle Trail meeting with The Spicer Group held on Wednesday, February 20 at Vassar City Hall;

7) Report by Chairman as to matters of significance raised at MDOT Pedestrian – Bicycle planning meeting held on Tuesday, February 26 at MDOT offices, 5859 Sherman Rd., Saginaw MI;

8) Announcement that next Cass River Greenways meeting would take place Wednesday, March 6, at 1:00 pm in the Council Chamber of the Vassar City Hall, 287 E. Huron Avenue, Vassar MI;

Business to be carried over to next meeting:

Presentation by Steve Erickson regarding process, details, and involvement of Economic Development Corporation in preparation of next Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission Master Plan.

Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting to take place on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners’ Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W Lincoln St in Caro, MI.

Adjournment: Moved by Peterson, supported by Eden, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:37 pm.

Mention: Though not mandated by the laws of the State of Michigan, policy of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, or by-laws of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, past practice has been that the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission takes place annually at the 3rd Quarterly Regular Meeting of the commission, typically held at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground. The terms of office for both Chairman and Vice Chairman shall begin with the 4th Quarter Regular Meeting, at which time the following calendar year’s Regular Meeting Schedule is to be established by the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission Mission Statement

The mission of the Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission is to advise the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on matters of policy and practice pertaining to the encouragement, establishment, and provision of recreational opportunities for residents of, and visitors to, Tuscola County.