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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4TH 2020 3RD QUARTER MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 3:30 pm
Vanderbilt County Park and Campground Picnic Pavilion
4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove, MI

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

Excused Absence(s): Gerald Peterson

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Nancy Barrios, Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Erickson, Robert McKay, and Kim Vaughan, the August 4th Regular Meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:39 pm by Chairman McKay.

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

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

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of March 3rd, 2020, meeting moved by Erickson, 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:

1) 2020-05-21 New Business:

Vanderbilt Park Dump Station (matter added)

-2020-M-112 Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to award the bid for the Vanderbilt Park Dump Station to Waldorf and Sons in the amount of \$55,200.00. Roll Call Vote: Jensen -absent; Grimshaw -absent; Young -yes; Vaughan -yes; Bardwell -yes. Motion Carried. (This was the lowest bidder).

Vanderbilt Park Budget Amendment (matter added)

-2020-M-113 Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young authorizing to transfer the amount of \$35,000.00 from the Equipment and Technology Fund to the Vanderbilt Park fund to help cover the cost of the installation of the dump station. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw -absent; Young -yes; Vaughan -yes; Jensen -absent; Bardwell -yes. Motion Carried.

2) 2020-07-16 Old Business:

Resolution for Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority to Acquire Title - Commissioner Grimshaw reviewed the changes made in regards to correcting the legal description of the proposed property.

2020-M-154 Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to adopt Resolution #2020-7 to acquire title to the property in Indianfields Township from the Michigan Land Bank.

Resolution 2020-7

Whereas, the State of Michigan owns the following described property in fee simple; and Whereas, the following land is wooded, and was a former correctional property and is a benefit to the community; and Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners does hereby enter into a contract with the State of Michigan Land Bank to acquire title to the following property described as Parcel B, Parcel C, Parcel A-1 as disclosed in Survey Job No. 2019-484 dated January 8, 2020 as prepared by D & M Site, Inc.

Roll Call Vote: Jensen -yes; Grimshaw -yes; Young -absent; Vaughan -yes; Bardwell -yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Fetting will finalize the final resolution once received from Clayette Zechmeister to prepare for signature.

Reports of outside meetings and/or other official activity: – none --

Report on Thumb Regional Tourism Meeting held Thursday, February 13 in Lapeer: *Prosperity Region 6 Tourism Sub-committee.*

Media coverage & other items related to parks and recreation:

2020-03-04 Tuscola County Advertiser, “Splish, Splash – Village Near Ready to Install Water Feature” by Mark Haney

2020-05-27 Tuscola County Advertiser, “Commissioners Approve Dump Station for Park” by Mark Haney

2020-06-26 Thumbnet.net, “Volunteers Do Improvements to Cass City Park” by Mary Drier

Old Business:

Review of February 29, 2020, letters from Chairman McKay to Chairman Bardwell of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners regarding the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendations that: 1) smoking be allowed on grounds of Vanderbilt County Park and Campground; and 2) that Tuscola County Board of Commissioners proceed as expeditiously as possible to acquire from the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority that land as surveyed by D&M Site Inc. job number 2019.484.

New Business:

- 1) Physical inspection of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds generally observed and concluded that boundary clarification of the western edge of Vanderbilt County Park and Campground, along with surveyed location of Bath Road between Beach Road and Gilmore Road, needs priority attention. This is a matter previously acted upon by the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission on August 1, 2019, with a letter addressing same being sent from Chairman McKay to Thom Bardwell, Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on October 2, 2019.
- 2) Physical inspection of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds generally observed and concluded that view of Saginaw Bay from Vanderbilt County Park and Campground was obscured by plant growth that needed to be removed in addition to phragmites removal still required in the nearshore area.
- 3) Physical inspection of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds generally observed and concluded that drainage is a problem which can negatively affect full access of Vanderbilt County Park and Campground, inclusive of road accessibility, during wet weather.
- 4) It was noted during physical inspection that Dump Station installation was in progress.
- 5) Postponement of election of officers until next meeting, and locating that meeting at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground, 4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove MI at 3:30 pm on September 1st was moved by Erickson, supported by Vaughn, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: – none --

Announcements: – none --

Subjects for future agenda:

- 1) Review of recreational bicycle/walker rest areas along Tuscola county roadways. One possibility being at the intersection of Waterman Road and S. Vassar Road in Vassar Township. Another being along Frankenmuth Road adjacent to City of Vassar's Riverside Cemetery;

- 2) Continue with matter of designating W. Saginaw Road between City of Vassar and Village of Mayville as “Trans-Tuscola Bike Route” as well as other portions of roadway such as M-15 westerly from City of Vassar to Tuscola – Saginaw county line to be similarly designated;
- 3) Continuation of work on new Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan, particularly capital improvements;
- 4) Awareness of grant opportunities consistent with, interests, goals, and objectives of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 5) Remaining attached to subject of land acquisition along the Cass River adjacent to Chambers Road.

Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the September 2020 monthly meeting to take place on Tuesday, September 1, at 3:30 pm in the picnic pavilion of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds located at 4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove MI.

Adjournment: Moved by Barrios, supported by Vaughn, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:30 pm.

Mention: As per the By-laws of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission takes place annually at the 3rd Quarter Regular Summer Meeting of the commission which is customarily held at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground. The terms of office for both Chairman and Vice Chairman shall begin with the 4th Quarter Regular Fall Meeting at which the following calendar year’s 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.