

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Board Conference Room at the Oceana County Courthouse by Chairperson Erickson on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Morse, Mr. Christians and Mr. Erickson. Mr. Hardy attended via Zoom.

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Public participation was provided via teleconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 858 8521 7220.

No public comment on the agenda items at this time.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, began a presentation of the 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission programs.

Mr. McKeen began discussion regarding a resolution to amend the Parks & Recreation Commission bylaws which were last amended in February of 2016. Previous changes that were approved allowed for the positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary to be added to the Executive Committee. The Vice-Chair will be responsible for tracking and recording volunteer hours on a monthly basis for accountability purposes. By adding the Secretary to the Executive Committee, it will allow for the committee to approve funding. Mr. McKeen stated that there has not been a Treasurer in the past as the Administrator's office has always prepared the financial information. The Treasurer will be added in order to provide the monthly and yearly review of financial statements to the commission. He also mentioned that the bylaws have been updated by indicating that meetings will be held on Thursdays.

Mr. McKeen facilitated discussion regarding the Board of Commissioners' authorization to the Parks and Recreation Commission to make grant applications and accept them. Mr. McKeen explained that there are two grants that the Parks & Recreation Commission are interested in applying for. The first grant is through the Community Foundation and would allow the Parks & Recreation Commission to purchase 10-12 picnic tables. The second grant is through Great Lakes Energy Peoples Fund and would create funding to purchase picnic tables that are in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA compliant picnic tables would allow for a person with a wheelchair/walker to be positioned in the middle of the table rather than at the end of a table. All grants were applied for by the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) and West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC).

Mr. Beggs asked for clarification as to whether this resolution is about the permission to apply or if it is about support from the Board to apply. Mr. Sobie responded that some grants may require a financial match from the Board of Commissioners, therefore, there would be a "two-step" process. Mr. Walker interjected that a grant applied for could be for a very large project, therefore, the Board would want to know the details of the grant in advance.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Erickson adjourned the Health and Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk