

The Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson McKeen on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson McKeen, Mr. Myers, Mr. LundBorg, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hiddema, Mr. Wyns, Mr. Mikkelsen, Mr. Warner and Mr. Erickson.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Bowling to approve the April minutes, supported by Mr. Hiddema.

Voice vote. Motion carries.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the May 6th minutes, with the correction of Mr. Bowling's attendance, supporting by Mr. Bowling.

Voice vote. Motion carries.

Financial Report

- **Fund 208 Revenues & Expenditures** – as of May 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$48,554.20.
- **Fund 408** – as of May 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Balance of \$24,016.43.
- **Fund 288** – as of May 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$20,165.98.

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the May 31, 2021 financials, supported by Mr. Mikkelsen.

Voice vote. Motion carries.

Claims for Payment

- City of Hart- Black Lake for \$30.00.
- Great Lakes Energy- Crystal Valley for \$39.05.
- Great Lakes Energy- Black Lake for \$221.29.
- Jons To Go- Black Lake for \$97.50.
- Jons To Go- Stony Lake for \$57.50.
- Jons To Go- Crystal Valley for \$97.50.
- Jons To Go- Mill Pond for \$61.61.
- Jons To Go- Gales Pond for \$57.50.
- Jons To Go- Cedar Point for \$97.50.
- Alice Johnson- Menards Reimbursement for \$36.99.
- State of Michigan- Fees & Licenses for \$100.00.

Motion made by Mr. Mikkelsen to approve the claims for payment, supported by Mr. Bowling. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

Phone Call

- Dave Dister, an ecologist out of Mason County, wants to do a study of vascular plants at Gale's Pond.

President's Report

- Mr. McKeen attended the May 13th Board meeting, where the board was in favor of adding associate members to the Parks & Recreation commission.
- An insurance underwriter is coming to tour the parks on two days next month. Let Mr. McKeen know if you'd like to join them.
- Jennifer Sill from Juvenile Court gave Mr. McKeen the opportunity to work with a youthful offender at Gales Pond. Mr. McKeen said he was a great kid and a hard worker. The boy needs twenty hours of community service, so if anybody has anything else they need help with, let them know.
- There is a lunch being held on June 23rd for county employees and volunteers at the County Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the south lawn.

Old Business

- Mr. Mikkelson let the commission know that the permit for the boat launch repair has been submitted and we should be hearing back in 60-90 days.
- Mr. Mikkelson made a motion to have Pixel Grafix Studio, LLC print 500 Parks brochures, supported by Mr. Bowling. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.
- A motion was made by Mr. Mikkelson to move \$500 from the general fund in 208 to printing (also in the general fund), supported by Mr. Bowling. Voice vote. Motion carries.

New Business

- Mr. Wilson spoke about the amount of grants that the Parks & Recreation Commission has received, and offered to write thank you notes to each foundation.
- Discussion ensued about the firearms policy currently in place for our parks. It was decided to ban hunting, trapping, target practice, and fireworks at our parks, as well as requiring that all parkgoers abide by local, state, and federal gun laws.

Parks Report

- **Black Lake** – There has been a problem with people reserving camping spaces and not showing up, so we would like to require them to submit a form with a non-refundable deposit when reserving from now on.
- **Cedar Point** – Mr. LundBorg made a motion to spend \$500 on stump grinding at Cedar Point, as well as \$100 on top soil, Mr. Hiddema supported. Voice vote. Motion carries. Inquiries will be made about having this stump grinding cost include the cost of the stumps needing to be done at Black Lake.
- **Crystal Valley** – Mr. Bowling is looking for someone to spread fertilizer at the park, as well as for an estimate of how much it will cost for approximately 100 pounds of fertilizer.
 - Another garbage can is needed by the ball field. It is estimated that the cost will be \$30 for the can and the bags.
 - The men's softball league has reserved the field for Friday's. A motion was made by Mr. Bowling to spend \$75 on paint and other supplies for the foul lines on the ball field. Mr. McKeen suggested that they bump this up to \$100 to be safe. Mr. Warner supported this motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.
- **Doolittle** – No update at this time.

- **Gales Pond** – Mr. McKeen installed the new grill, which was \$125 on Amazon. He is also trying to get the tree trimmers down there to get loose limbs down from the Red Oak.
- **Mill Pond** – No update at this time.
- **Marshville Dam** – The tree that fell down didn't get taken care of, as it is suspected that there is poison ivy on it. Inquiries are also being made into getting traffic signs put out there as well.
- **Stony Lake** – The conservation district is being contacted about the Japanese Beetles found at the park and they will hopefully be taken care of.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

There being no further business, Chairperson McKeen adjourned the Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 4:53 p.m. The next meeting will be August 5, 2021, as there will be no July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather L. Vandervest
On behalf of Pete LundBorg, Secretary
Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission