

The Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson McKeen on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Public participation was provided via audio/videoconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 820 6812 2607.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Moved by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Hiddema to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- **Fund 208 Revenues & Expenditures** – as of March 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$49,135.63.
- **Fund 408** – as of March 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Balance of \$8,789.41.
- **Fund 288** – as of March 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$20,154.15.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson to approve the financial report, supported by Mr. Myers. Voice vote. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Claims for Payment

- Great Lakes Energy- Crystal Valley for \$39.16.
- Great Lakes Energy- Black Lake for \$48.84.
- White Lake Nursery for \$73.00.
- Jons To Go for \$51.43.

Motion made by Mr. Mikkelsen to approve the claims for payment, supported by Mr. LundBorg. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- District 10 Health Department
- Kari Wilson thank you note
- DNR new Western Region contact Alex McBride.

President's Report

- Mr. McKeen met with the county commissioners on March 11th to review 2020 and discuss plans for 2021.
- YAC would like to paint picnic tables in April as a service project. They would like to paint the tables all different colors. Mr. McKeen would like to keep this to Gales Pond and Doolittle Park.

- Kathy Evans with WMSRDC informed Mr. McKeen that NOAA has submitted our grant application to the funding committee for full consideration for the Stony Creek project.

Old Business

- Mr. McKeen has found funding through private sources, and Hart Township is waiving the building fee for the Doolittle Park picnic shelter to start in May.
A motion was made to approve the construction of the Doolittle Park picnic shelter by Mr. Mikkelsen, with conditions presented to the committee, seconded by Mr. Wyns. Motion carried unanimously.
- Black Lake plans to host Alice and Brian Johnson again.
- Discussion over the proposed amendments to the Parks & Recreation Commission bylaws. See attached amendment items.
- Mr. Wilson presented an update regarding the Five-Year Plan.
 - Send out survey with the various township tax bills.
 - Website to reply.
 - Spoke about what improvements the parks need.
- Mr. LundBorg said that a donation had been made by the Lathers Foundation (third they've made to the project for creating a new ramp) for the Cedar Point Deck and has been investigating prices on materials.
- Mr. Wilson spoke about potential grants to purchase picnic tables for Cedar Point, Doolittle, and Gales Pond.
- Mr. Mikkelsen talks about the floats for the aluminum dock at Stony Lake. He ordered a couple to see what they look like and estimates that the cost to replace the floats will be around \$3,000.
- Mr. Mikkelsen talks about Blue Gill fish release for Black Lake. \$400 + \$75 transportation cost.

New Business

- *Mr. Mikkelsen nominated John Wyns as the new treasurer, supported by Mr. Hiddema. Motion carries unanimously. Congratulations Mr. Wyns!*
- A county board member will be paying for the design of our brochures. Lisa Payne-Kirker will be doing the design. Anyone who has historic pictures of the parks is asked to send them to Lisa at lpk@fresh-graphicdesign.com.
- Howards Lawn Care contract May 1- October 31, 2021. See attached contract. Approved unanimously with no discussion.
- Mr. Mikkelsen mentioned that he is looking into signs that he saw in Montague, as the Road Commission is putting in some directional signs for the parks.
- Parcel of land proposed for a park (with a pond and river access) on 192nd. At some point there was talk of turning this land into a campground, years ago.

Parks Report

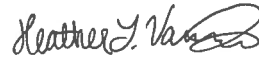
- **Black Lake** – Blue Gill to be released in May.
- **Cedar Point** – Jeremy VanLoon has volunteered to place four posts for the stairway system.
- **Crystal Valley** – White Lake Nursery will be starting up the sprinkler systems again, costing \$73.00.
- **Doolittle** – No update at this time.
- **Gales Pond** – No update at this time.
- **Mill Pond** – No update at this time.
- **Marshville Dam** – No update at this time.
- **Stony Lake** – No update at this time.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business, Chairperson McKeen adjourned the Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting will be May 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



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