

The Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson McKeen on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Tabling the April minutes until Heather fixes them.

Financial Report

- **Fund 208 Revenues & Expenditures** – as of March 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$47,717.38.
- **Fund 408** – as of March 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Balance of \$18,789.41.
- **Fund 288** – as of March 31, 2021, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$20,156.12.

Claims for Payment

- Great Lakes Energy- Crystal Valley for \$39.05.
- Great Lakes Energy- Black Lake for \$48.84.
- Jons To Go- Doolittle for \$80.00.
- Jons To Go- Black Lake for \$195.00.
- Jons To Go- Stony Lake for \$115.00.
- Jons To Go- Crystal Valley for \$195.00.
- Jons To Go- Mill Pond for \$115.00.
- Jons To Go- Gales Pond for \$115.00.
- Jons To Go- Cedar Point for \$195.00.

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

Phone Call

- A neighbor to the north of Cedar Point Park wants their private property sign to be reinstalled. Mr. LundBorg found the sign, which had fallen over, and was afraid that it would wash out so he moved it out of the way. It was agreed to leave the sign where it is, as it isn't our sign.
- Theresa Mack called to let us know that a tree had fallen down from the Bill Node property. Bill Node says that he will take care of this.
- Bill Node asked if we were planning to build a parking lot on the property adjacent from his, Mr. McKeen let him know that we aren't planning to in the near future.

President's Report

- Attended the quarterly WMSRDC Watershed meeting. John Stivers OPC, Mark Timmer.
- Knee High Naturalist program on vacation for two weeks due to COVID uptick.
- Worked out logistics with the Community Foundation to paint picnic tables at Doolittle and Gales Pond parks May 1. Larsen's Hardware donated brushes and rollers. The kids did great!
- Presented a program detailing Oceana County Parks to the Pentwater Service Club on May 6, 2021. Very Good reception, many expressed an interest in volunteering with us in their area.
- Met with Mark Timmer to review the informational road signs for county parks.
- Met with Joel Mikkelsen to layout the float design for the aluminum dock at Stony Lake.
- Various emails, phone conversations, and texts with Lisa Kirker and Joe Klimovitz regarding the county parks brochure.
- Lined up Jeremy Van Loon with Lakeshore Inc. to water jet the posts in at Cedar Point Park.

Old Business

- Doolittle shelter, shingles have arrived. Building to be delivered in early June.
- Porta Jon's have been delivered to all parks.
- Blake Lake well test done. Waiting for District 10 approval as of 4/28/21.
- Five Year plan questionnaire, discuss format.
- Purchase floats for the aluminum dock at Stony Lake.
- Update on Progressions program for park maintenance.
- County Parks brochure update.

New Business

- Chairman McKeen suggested that two or three associate members be added. He plans to present this to the commissioners next week.
- Review washout of boat dock at Stony Lake. Consider cost not to exceed as well as need for an EGLE permit. This permit could take 60-90 days; however, it is a necessity.
- Back Lake water has risen over the past several weeks. Drain Commission has been notified.

Parks Report

- **Black Lake** – The beaver man caught a 50lb beaver. The lake is receding a bit with the rain that we have been experiencing.
- **Cedar Point** – No update at this time.
- **Crystal Valley** – No update at this time.
- **Doolittle** – No update at this time.
- **Gales Pond** – Replaced a couple of boards, the south boardwalk is really showing its age.
- **Mill Pond** – Motion made by Mr. Erickson to approve \$90 for Logan Case to cut the lawn on a biweekly basis, supported by John Warner. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.
- **Marshville Dam** – A big tree fell that would make good firewood, might put a sign out that says free firewood.
- **Stony Lake** – Nothing new that wasn't already discussed.

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 4:35 p.m. The next meeting will be June 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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