

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 Building by Chairperson Erickson on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. John Warner, Oceana County Deputy Drain Commissioner; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana Parks & Recreation Commission; Mr. John Wilson, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; Ms. Tammy Carey, Oceana Community Foundation CEO; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald - Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the February, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda.

All in favor to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, expressed concern with the agenda format, noting that the agenda for the special Personnel Committee meeting does not have a spot for public comment.

Mr. John Wilson, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, and Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman, provided an update regarding the Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission. The members of the Parks & Recreation Commission logged 1,650 volunteer hours last year, had 1,500 brochures printed, and installed a stairway at Cedar Point Park. The Commission also has planned to share an employee with the Oceana County Road Commission for the upcoming season to help take care of the parks.

Mr. McKeen and Mr. John Warner, Oceana County Deputy Drain Commissioner, began discussion and consideration regarding a resolution to authorize acceptance of a proposal to perform a Crystal Valley Dam Feasibility Study. The recommendation was to have the study performed by the Spicer Group for \$18,840. The study will be completed by the end of June, allowing for time for a decision to be made by December 31st of this year.

Ms. Tammy Carey, CEO of Oceana Community Foundation, applauded the Parks & Recreation Commission on the great job that they have done for Oceana County. Ms. Carey also mentioned that the Community Foundation donated the funding for new grills to be placed in the county parks.

Ms. Wittman asked Mr. Warner for clarification on grant funding and if it could be used to pay for the engineering study. Mr. Warner expressed that some grants allow for that. However, some grants do not allow for the funding to be used that way but they often will have control over the study from that point.

Mr. Erickson recognized the great work that the Community Foundation is doing. He also commended Mr. McKeen and all of the Parks & Recreation members for making the County a better place.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk