

The Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson McKeen on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Myers to approve the May 5, 2022 minutes as presented, supported by Mr. Wilson.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- **Fund 208 Revenues & Expenditures** – as of May 31, 2022, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$38,020.82.
- **Fund 408** – as of May 31, 2022, has a Year to Date Balance of \$28,197.46.
- **Fund 288** – as of May 31, 2022, has a Year to Date Fund Balance of \$25,242.06.

Mr. Hiddema made a motion to accept the financial report, supported by Mr. Mikkelsen.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Claims for Payment

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- Stony Lake Depot – Supplies for \$42.60.
- Jons to Go – Stony Lake Park for \$94.28 (5/29 – 6/9/2022).
- Jons to Go – Doolittle Park for \$220.00 (5/13 – 6/9/2022).
- Jons to Go – Crystal Valley for \$95.00 (5/13 – 6/9/2022).
- Jons to Go – Black Lake for \$94.28 (5/29 – 6/9/2022).
- City of Hart – Water Test for \$90.00.
- Great Lakes Energy- Black Lake- Electric for \$175.95.
- Great Lakes Energy- Crystal Valley- Electric for \$37.84.
- Ken Adams – Crystal Valley for \$600.00 (Road Gravel)
- Huntington - Credit Card for \$200.00 (Employee Training).

Motion made by Mr. Wilson to approve the claims for payment amounting to \$1,649.95 supported by Mr. Myers.

Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Notification from WMSRDC was received informing of the passing of Mr. Greg Mund. Mr. Mund was instrumental with the Stony Creek project and many other projects.

Notification was received that the Stony Creek pre-application has been completed and accepted with EGLE.

Communication was received from PLM Lake and Land Management regarding weed and algae control for Stony Lake that has been posted.

Mr. Arland McClousky, (?) property owner at Black Lake reported that a boat has been drifting in the lake and has now blown onto his property and would like it removed. Oceana County Sheriff's Office has been contacted and the Marine Officer will remove from the property.

A representative from Ride MI notified Chairman McKeen that there will be approximately 600 bicycles that will ride through Mill Pond Park on June 18.

President's Report

- Chairman McKeen expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with Ms. Angela Aerts.
- Chairman McKeen received a letter from Dr. Sobie, stating that he believes a full-time Parks Coordinator position could be justified and suggested a "New Position" request be submitted during the budget process. The details of the position were included in the letter.
- The Oceana County Road Commission has started mowing the parks as of May 24, 2022.
- The ADA survey contract with Disability Network of West Michigan was signed on the advice of Dr. Sobie.
- Chairman McKeen attended two County Board meetings and two Oceana County Road Commission meetings.

Parks Reports

- Black Lake – the campground is full. There is concern that the camp hosts may not return next year.
- Cedar Point Park – Mr. LundBorg has been working on the hand rail, had some equipment issues. Attendance is down, but is expected to increase.
- Crystal Valley Park – driveway stone has been spread and the park has been cleaned up, waiting on the Spicer report
- Doolittle Park – the Knee High Naturalists have begun meeting
- Gales Pond – boards have been fixed on the walkway, it has been noticed that the water level has dropped.
- Mill Pond – Memorial weekend was busy. It has been mowed every two weeks, but that may slow down as the season progresses.
- Marshville – there will be a public meeting at Benona Township Hall on Thursday, June 16, 2022 to discuss the Stony Creek Project
- Stony Lake – seems to be used adequately

Unfinished Business

- By-laws updated to reflect recent changes.
- Blue Gill fish are not available for Black Lake in 2022. Demand is exceeding the supply.
- A new Parks Logo will need to be chosen.
- Parks five-year plan update will be included with the County. The cost will be a total of \$12,000. It was suggested that it be split between the County and Parks and Recreation Committee (P&R) with P&R covering \$4,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Mikkelsen to accept the drafting of the five-year plan by WMSRDC.

Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

- There will be a meeting held at Benona Township Hall on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Stony Creek restoration project.
- ARPA funds grant decision is expected sometime in July or August.

New Business

- Discussion began regarding the scheduled July meeting. It was the consensus to cancel the July meeting
- Mr. Mikkelsen requested the status of the Cedar Point Park Road Right of Way. Mr. Myers indicated that nothing has been brought forward on this issue.
- Mr. Mikkelsen noted that he has been researching a possible use for the Mears River Barn as an Outdoor Education Center. He has submitted a letter of intent for ARPA grant funds and is requesting support from the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission.

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 4:58 p.m. The next meeting will be August 4th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Anderson
On behalf of Pete LundBorg, Secretary
Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission