

**Oceana County
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

County Building
100 S. State Street, Suite M-4
Hart, Michigan 49420

AGENDA

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Board Room, 100 S. State St., Hart, MI 49420

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and recording of absences
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Suggested Motion: To approve the agenda, as presented (or amended).

5. Public Comment on Agenda items
6. Approval of the minutes from June 1, 2023

Suggested Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, as presented (or amended).

7. Financial Reports: Fund 208, 288 and 408
8. Approval of claims for payment

Suggested Motion: To approve the 208 Parks and Recreation Fund claims for payment in the total amount of \$_____ and in the total amount of \$_____ for the 408 Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Fund.

9. Stephen Carlson from WMSRSDC planner to discuss the Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan.

10. Correspondence

- A. Phone conversation with Char VanderStelt, Oceana Grange- we were unable to find a day long project at Gales Pond at this time for her group.
- B. Kevin Bouwkamp, owner of the property to the east of the basketball court at Crystal Valley Park requesting that we mow to the east property line. He agreed to mark what he considered the property line.
- C. Complaint about the Stony Lake boat dock being too far away from the boat ramp. Fisherman feels that it takes two people to deal with the issue.

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- D. Email from Steve Bartlett wondering what can be done about the low water level in Gales Pond and the large amount of vegetation that is growing on the sediment recently exposed by the low water.
- E. Phone call regarding a tip over of a Port a Jon at Crystal Valley Park. Reported to company.
- F. Email from two potential parks equipment vendors requesting a meeting for our future needs.

11. Chairperson's Report

- A. Met with Joel to discuss repairs to the Lutheran Bridge at Gales Pond.
- B. Alice and Brian Johnson had to resign as Campground hosts at Black Lake due to a personal health concern. Alice gave me the name of an interested couple in taking over for the remainder of the year.
- C. Dave Spitzer and I met with Gene and Diane Redding's at Black Lake and agreed to work with them for remainder of the year.
- D. OCPR had a table at the Pentwater Library Community Open House.
- E. Attended the Pentwater Lake Association annual meeting as the primary speaker. I put together a Power Point presentation featuring Oceana County Park's and the Oceana Conservation District and how we grow together. It seemed to be well received by the 100 or so attendees.
- F. Attended Pond camp at Gale's Pond.
- G. Attended three Crystal Valley Township meetings, one Benona Township meeting, three ORC meetings, and three Oceana County Commissioners meetings.
- H. Attended the quarterly WMRSDC Watershed meeting. Several grant opportunities will become available in the late summer/early fall. There are none that help with repair of the Crystal Valley Dam; however, I asked Erin Kuhn specifically.
- I. Construction bids were let for the Marshville Dam removal project. Available on the WMRSDC website. Attended three meetings concerning the bid proposal.

12. Parks Reports

- A. Black Lake – 18 to 20-inch White Pine on the south driveway needs to be taken down.
- B. Cedar Point – The new shelter is up and the concrete floor should be put in shortly.

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- C. Crystal Valley
- D. Doolittle
- E. Gale's Pond
- F. Mill Pond
- G. Marshville Dam
- H. Stony Lake

13. Other Old Business

A. Three new picnic tables were installed at Cedar Point by John Wilson and his wife. Additional tables are expected in later August. All tables are a result of grants from the Oceana Community Foundation and the Great Lakes Energy People's Fund.

B. Updates

1. County Wide Rec. Program
2. Parks Five Year Plan
3. Stony Creek Restoration
4. Crystal Creek Dam
5. ADA Parks Report
6. Various Grants
7. Gales Pond East Boardwalk

14. New Business

- A. Possible Parks usage of space at the Oceana County Airport, Curt Lohman.
- B. 2024 Parks Budget discussion

15. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

16. Motion for Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting: September 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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