

STARKE COUNTY PARK BOARD

November 15, 2016 6:00 PM

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Starke County Park Board held the regular meeting on November 15, 2016 at the Starke County Annex Meeting room. Roger Chaffins, president, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Present: Roger Chaffins, Chris Lawrence, Deb Mix, Rosie Rose. Absent: Butch Gerstandt

Pledge of Allegiance –

Minutes – A motion to accept the minutes as written from 10/11/16 (Lawrence-Rose) and a vote carried the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bass Lake Beach & Campground – Larry Clarich, asst. manager of the BLBC, reported that the Gazebo has been completed with the exception of it being painted. He also reported that some of the fence has been straightened and painted. The water will be shut off next week. A comment was made that there's no need to discuss the BLBC since it's closed. Ms. Mix stated that she was uncomfortable with that since we will lose the entire winter and once the warm weather returns, we'll have nothing to show for the winter months. It's during the winter when we have time to see what needs to be corrected before it opens in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

5 Year Plan - Mr. Buswell of KIRPC reported that he received two responses from the 5 or 6 consultants that were requested to help write the 5 yr plan. The board was presented with Statements of Qualifications from Arion Consultants and Troyer Group. Mr. Buswell explained that there is no need to score the proposals with only two responses. He prefers to use the interview method. He explained how the scoring process works, although we aren't required to do so. Discussion determined that the board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Annex meeting room at 6PM. Due to the fast-approaching deadline for the IDNR grant process, we should expect to meet quickly and often until the 5 yr plan is written.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Clarich spoke up and suggested that he make a wish list of improvements and would like to have the board make their own wish list when we meet at a physical inspection, and the lists can be compared. It was determined that the board will meet at the BLBC on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 10:30AM. Mr. Chaffins will ensure that the county building inspector, Terry Stevenson, will also be in attendance.

A letter that was sent from Kathy Lucas was read aloud as she had requested. She noted the opportunities that the BLBC offer are vast, including making a connectivity of the Erie North Judson trail to Bass Lake. She would also like the tourists and bike riders that come to the trails to have beach access.

The next meeting is a Special Meeting on Thurs., November 17, 6 PM, at the Annex meeting room.

The next regular and final board meeting of the year is Wed., December 13, 2016 at 6 PM, at the Annex meeting room.

With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded (Lawrence-Rose), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Mix, Secretary