

Starke County Park Board Meeting

County Annex Meeting Room – 6:00 PM

September 12, 2017

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Present: Debbie Mix, Roger Chaffins, Rosemary Rose, Butch Gerstandt, Attorney Martin Lucas

Absent: Chris Lawrence

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes - Roger Chaffins moved and Rosie Rose seconded to accept the minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Starke County Forest - Bids for timber sales -Mr. Wakeland reported that he may not be back for 10/10 meeting. He agreed that the board should still go forward with the opening of bids. He would be available by phone. Mr. Wakeland provided the list of about 40 companies that will be invited to bid. He will correct the bid sheet to reflect correct date and will mail them out.

Mr. Wakeland will have a representative here at the meeting in October. The next timber sales will be in 5 – 10 years.

Walkway/lane update – Mr. Wakeland is willing to make any small repairs. He recommends going out there and include Rik Ritzler to decide what to do out at the forest. There is over 20 feet of peat moss and he's not sure when it was created. He's unsure how lane came about.

He suggested that the forest is open for hands-on learning for the schools as his understanding from reading, stating the inference was that the school's future is a hands-on learning program.

Beaver invoice update – Roger will follow up with Bill Crase's invoice. No evidence of beaver has been seen.

Beach & Campground - Attorney Martin Lucas has discussed building maintenance response from Lessee's Attorney. They have planned a 9/28/17, 10am meeting with counsel at Wallsmith's office. Rosie Rose will attend for the board as he would like to meet with the lessee's attorney with someone from the board. He has plans from the DNR person that has proposed as well as the drawing from Rick Anderson. He believes he has everything he needs to meet.

President Mix asked consideration for work group – 4-6 small group to look at the lease and make recommendations for lease renewal Mr. Chaffins moved and Ms. Rose seconded to table this discussion until next meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Board comments. There were none.

Audience comments. Mr. R. Anderson made comment that the language is good in the lease although the meaning is different and is left to interpretation. He is in favor of a committee to determine the different parts of each section to come to agreement to clarify terms, not modify them.

Adjournment - Roger Chaffins moved and Rosie Rose seconded to adjourn. The motion was voted on and the meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

The next meeting will be held at the County Annex Meeting room on Oct. 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM.