

Parks Committee Meeting
Courthouse Conference Room A231
April 9, 2013 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced.

Roll Call: Committee Members: Bob Eggebrecht, Jerry Kotlowski, Bill Miller, Paul Pisellini, and Jake Roseberry. Others present: Fred Nickel – Director Parks/Recreation, Rita Kolstad – Parks Admin. Clerk/Bookkeeper, Darren Tolley – Petenwell Park Manager, Mark Miller – Castle Rock Park Manager, Nancy Schmidt and Charles Quick - Town of New Chester Concerned Citizens, and Joe Stuchlak – County Board Member Representing the Town of Easton. Nick Segina joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Miller/Kotlowski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Previous Minutes: Motion by Miller/Kotlowski to approve the March 12 & 27, 2013, minutes as printed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Items:

Motion by Miller/Kotlowski to deviate from the agenda and move to agenda item number 6. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Possible Transfer of Easton Pond Public Access to Easton Township: Mr. Stuchlak reported Easton Township is interested in taking over operations of Easton Pond to include a deed transfer from the County to the Township. Discussion followed. A written request will be presented to the Committee at the May Committee meeting to include a statement that if the County deeds Easton Pond over to the Township, the Township cannot deed the property back to the County at a future date. Mr. Stuchlak left the meeting at this time.

County-wide 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan Resolution: An additional survey from the Town of Easton and a request for a soccer field were read to the Committee and will be added to the proposed recreation plan. Miller pointed out several lines that needed to be removed and/or amended in the plan. Motion by Miller/Kotlowski to forward the 5 – Year Outdoor Recreation Plan Resolution to County Board for approval. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Petenwell Park and Castle Rock Park Grant Resolutions for Campgrounds Completion Projects: Director reported he and the Park Managers met with MSA for cost estimates for the proposed campgrounds expansion projects at Castle Rock and Petenwell Parks. Costs came in quite high so both projects were scaled down. Director will be meeting with the Town of Monroe on the road issue. Director will also be meeting with the Director of Finance to review the Department's budget and the possibility of utilizing some of the County's 2014 sales tax monies. Motion by Pisellini/Miller to apply for DNR funding share of \$700,000.00 for Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks' campground expansion projects, pending completion of project if May 2013 Resolution is approved by County Board Supervisors. \$350,000.00 will be requested as a loan from the General Fund with the remaining \$350,000.00 being requested from sales tax revenue. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondences /Special User Requests: Motion by Pisellini/Kotlowski to approve Merry Pettclair's request to provide sailing lessons at Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks for the 2013 season. Motion to include approval of storage for her trailer that she stores the training sailboats inside. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Participation on Agenda Items: Nick Segina asked to go on record that his family camps in 3 states and Castle Rock and Petenwell Parks are the best they've stayed at.

Patrick Lake Park: Ms. Schmidt requested the Committee not make any final decision on Patrick Lake Park till after the Town of New Chester Town Board meets to discuss the property. Per last month's Committee meeting that is the plan.

Castle Rock Park Equipment Purchase: A new mower was budgeted for Castle Rock Park for 2013; however, Park Manager reported Castle Rock Park will share a mower with Outlying Parks. Motion by Kotlowski/Roseberry to approve the purchase of a Land Planer from Castle Rock Park Capital Equipment account from the 2013 budget to be shared by Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Parks/Rec. Operational Reports: April 10 is deadline to apply for any of the vacant advertised park positions. The Park Managers reported they both have a Park Aid position that may become vacant and will need replacing.

Trails Report to Include Grant Applications: Motion by Kotlowski/Pisellini to approve applying for State snowmobile and ATV grants as in previous years. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Revenue Report: Motion by Pisellini/Eggebrecht to approve the revenue report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Expense Check Summary Report and Expense Report: Motion by Kotlowski/Eggebrecht to approve the Check Summary's and the Expense Reports as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Future Agenda Items: Petenwell Park and Castle Rock Park Grant Resolutions for Campground Expansions, Employee Hiring Update.

Set Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Courthouse Conference Room A231.

Adjourn: Motion by Pisellini/Kotlowski to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Submitted by,

Jerry Kotlowski
Parks Secretary

Minutes prepared by Rita Kolstad, Parks Clerk/Bookkeeper.
These minutes have not been approved by the Parks Committee.

