

**CALUMET COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES**

**February 4, 2021**

**Members Present:** Chair Mary Schwalenberg; Supervisors Pete Stier, Judy Hartl, Ed Kleckner, and Ken Draheim; Citizen Members Lyle Ott and Patrick Laughrin.

**Others Present:** County Administrator, Todd Romenesko; County Board Chairperson, Alice Connors; Parks Director, Adam Backus; Office and Program Manager, Lindsay Meyer; Admin and Program Assistant, Robyn Jacobchick.

Chair Schwalenberg called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Supervisor Stier moved, seconded by Citizen Member Laughrin to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Supervisor Stier moved, seconded by Citizen Member Laughrin to approve the minutes for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**Introduce Robyn Jacobchick**

Director Backus introduced Robyn to the commission.

Supervisor Draheim joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:**

**a. Review Calumet County Reservation Policy**

Mr. Backus reviewed the current and recommended changes to the camping reservation policy. Supervisor Draheim moved to have winter camping only available for a maximum of 1 week and then the camper and all of their belongings must leave the park for a minimum of 1 week before they can return. This would be in place from December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Kleckner seconded.

Supervisor Hartl amended Supervisor Draheim's motion to include that the commission gives the Parks Director the



authority to remove problematic camping situations. Supervisor Hartl rescinded this amendment.

Supervisor Hartl amended Supervisor Draheim's motion to state that winter camping is for a maximum of 21 days and then the camper and all of their belongings must leave the park for a minimum of 14 days before they can return. A rollcall vote was taken. Supervisors Draheim, Stier, Schwalenberg; and Citizen Member Laughrin voted nay. Supervisor Kleckner, Supervisor Hartl, and Citizen Member Ott voted yay. Motion failed 4 to 3.

Supervisor Draheim's motion to have winter camping available for a maximum of 7 consecutive days and then the campers and all of their belongings must leave the park for 7 consecutive days before they can return. This would be in place from December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. A rollcall vote was taken. Supervisors Draheim, Stier, Schwalenberg, and Kleckner; and Citizen Members Laughrin and Ott voted yay. Supervisor Hartl voted nay. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Supervisor Hartl moved to change the summer camping policy to Director Backus' recommendation of having the camper and all of their belongings leave for a minimum of 2 nights before the 21 day maximum stay can start over. This is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Supervisor Stier. Motion passed unanimously.

County Administrator Romenesko and County Board Chairperson Connors left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**b. Resolution Authorization Grant Application for Shannon Property**

Backus reviewed the resolution for the grant application for the Shannon property. Supervisor Draheim motioned to approve, seconded by Citizen Member Ott. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Calumet County Recreation Pond and Campground Cabins**

Director Backus updated the commission on the recreation pond and campground cabin projects. Supervisor Draheim motioned to bid out all projects. Second by Supervisor Stier. Motion passed four to three.

**d. Brothertown Boat Harbor Parking Lot**

Backus updated the commission on the current Brothertown boat harbor parking lot.

**e. Chilton United Fund Grant**

Backus informed the commission of the grant Ledge View Nature Center was awarded from the Chilton United Fund for the amphibian display. Supervisor Draheim made a motion to accept the grant, Supervisor Kleckner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Calumet County and Ledge View Park Entrance Signs**

Director Backus showed the commission the potential park entrance signs for Calumet County Park and Ledge View Nature Center. Motion by Supervisor Draheim, Second by Supervisor Stier to accept the signs.

**Director's Report**

**a. Ledge View's Monthly Reports**

Backus reviewed the naturalist reports and reopen plan with the Commission.

**b. Fox River Trail Parking Lot Update**

Director Backus updated the commission on the Fox River Trail parking lot project.

**c. 2020 Parks Department Carry Over Request**

Backus reviewed the 2020 Parks Department carry over requests with the commission.

**d. Update on new storage building progress**

Director Backus updated the commission on the new storage building progress at Calumet County Park.

**e. Update on Ash Tree Harvest**

Backus provided the commission members an update on the current ash tree harvest at Calumet County Park.

**UPCOMING MEETING:**

The next scheduled Parks Commission meeting will be on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at a location to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:03 AM, Chair Schwalenberg adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Meyer, Office/Program Manager/Recording Secretary

Adam Backus, Parks Director

Calumet County Parks Department

Approved Minutes

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