

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 5:55 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Eric Tobin, Chairman  
Commissioner Hugh Coward, Member  
Commissioner Eric Johnson, Vice Chairman – via telephone  
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Scott Brown, Member - excused

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kevin Henning, Managing Director  
Jill Forshey, Finance Clerk  
General Public

Chairman Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 5:55 p.m.

**Motion made by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the September 14, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Forshey read the communications as follows:

- a. Received the Environmental Services Coordinator's Report
- b. Forester's storm damage assessment of Kimball Pines Park

#### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

***Kimball Pines:*** Mr. Henning noted that we received the assessment from Mark Janke, the forester that completed the assessment that was paid for by the Parks Fund. Mr. Henning stated that he is not in agreement with the entire assessment, and would not recommend to the Board. Mr. Janke broke down the salvage particulars into Red pine, White pine and Hardwood, possibly getting \$ 15,000.00 for the sale of the timber. Mr. Henning stated that he would like to seek an alternative report. He would like to look at hiring Mr. Janke, or another forester for harvesting of downed trees, selling downed trees only, and with the proceeds, purchase seedling replacements to plant in the Park. Harvesting should be done in the winter months, possibly November through January. Mr. Henning hopes to have another report in November. Discussion continued.

Mr. Henning mentioned that we were starting the bidding of the restroom roofs and the pavilion reconstruction, getting rough estimates. This would also include timber clean up and removal of debris.

Mr. Henning said he was in contact with Silver Leaf about what equipment would be the best for the Parks Department. They mentioned a tractor with a loader bucket, mowing deck and a brush chipper. Mr. Henning said that we would get the bid specs moving, adding that we would like to buy in December, so the funds would be expended in December. Enbridge gave \$50,000 to the Parks and Mr. Henning believes it should be used for parks equipment.

#### **COMMISSIONER TIME**

Commissioner Vreeland commented that he will continue to push the County Board to form a Parks Commission to address issues with the parks and lack of a management plan for our parks.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. or following the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meeting.

There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Tobin adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Jill Forshey, Finance Clerk

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Eric J. Tobin, Chairman