

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:41 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Eric Tobin, Chairman  
Commissioner Eric Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Scott Brown, Member  
Commissioner Hugh Coward, Member  
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kevin Henning, Managing Director  
Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk  
General Public

Chairman Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:41 p.m.

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the November 2, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Crumpton read the communications as follows:

- a. Received the Environmental Services Coordinator's Report
- b. Received correspondence from Suzanne Ebright, Natural Resources Biologist, Calhoun Conservation District, regarding the downed timber at Kimball Pines Park
- c. Received the 2012 Meeting Schedule for the Parks Trustees Board
- d. Received the award notification for the 2012 ORV Grant #12-029

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

***Approve Resolution #2011-03 regarding Kimball Pines Storm Damaged Timber:*** Mr. Henning noted that Resolution 2011-03 was tabled from the November 2, 2011 Parks Trustees Board meeting pending further information.

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to table Resolution 2011-03: Kimball Pines Storm Damaged Timber Sales indefinitely.**

Commissioner Vreeland asked why we would table the Resolution. Mr. Henning replied that he was asked by County Corporation Counsel, Richard Lindsey, to allow the County's Planning Department to take an active role in the utilization of County assets such as the downed timber at Kimball Pines. Commissioner Vreeland believes that as a Parks Trustees Board it is our duty to make comments and recommendations on the parks. He would like to make some amendments to Resolution 2011-03 and send it on to the County Board. **Voice vote: Motion failed.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Brown to amend Resolution 2011-03: Kimball Pines Storm Damaged Timber Sales. Amendments would include the recommendations made by Suzanne Ebright, Natural Resources Biologist, Calhoun Conservation District and also that an independent monitor be hired to oversee the marking and removal of downed and damaged timber to be paid for by proceeds from the contract. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

**Approve the 2012 Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Henning requested Board approval of the 2012 Meeting Schedule for the Parks Trustees Board.

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the 2012 Meeting Schedule of the Parks Trustees Board. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

**Other:** Mr. Henning informed the Board that we have not received payment from Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF) from the 2011 Faire, but we have received communication from Wendy Graves that she is no longer their General Manager. We have not had any other communications from SLRF. Discussion continued.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Rob Rumsey, Emmett Township resident, commented that there seems to be a need for an organized way to coordinate volunteer services. He noted that encourages through his website, wholesome use of the Ott Preserve and would advise the County to conserve and wisely use their resources.

### **COMMISSIONER TIME**

Commissioner Vreeland thanked Commissioner Tobin for his work as the Parks Chairman and noted it has been a pleasure working with him. He also thanked Mr. Rumsey for his support of the Calhoun County Parks.

Commissioner Coward echoed Commissioner Vreeland's sentiments and wished Commissioner Tobin well.

Commissioner Brown asked if we have received communication from anyone at SLRF. Mr. Henning replied that we have not. Commissioner Brown thanked Commissioner Tobin for his years of service.

Commissioner Tobin commented that he hopes the County moves forward to create a Parks Commission and offered his assistance with the process. He also stated that he would like the County to reconsider the original path for the trailway through the Ott Preserve that was approved by the former County Commission.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 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 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk

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Eric J. Tobin, Chairman