

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:56 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 6:56 p.m.

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the April 6, 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

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

Mr. Henning noted that Mrs. Eichorst provided the Board with her report. He added that the Special Use Permit application from the Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF) would be on the June agenda and a representative from SLRF would also be present to provide information on this year's event. Mr. Henning noted that SLRF has talked about installing drainage structures in the parking lot, but we have not yet received a drawing as requested. He also stated that SLRF claims that someone has been out there cutting trees. Commissioner Brown asked the amount of revenue that we received from them last year. Mr. Henning replied that we received approximately \$1,800.

### **COMMISSIONER TIME**

Commissioner Vreeland informed the Board that he attended the Barry County Parks Commission meeting and will share that information at a later date. He also informed the Board that he has been working with staff to submit a grant application to MDNR to repair damages to the fence at the Ott Preserve made by ORVs and thanked those involved with the grant submittal. Next year, he would like to submit a grant application for erosion remediation. Commissioner Vreeland emphasized the need for ongoing management of the Ott Preserve. He noted that he has repeatedly requested to attend meetings of the Friends of the Ott; however, they are no longer holding meetings.

Commissioner Coward suggested sending a letter to the Friends of the Ott requesting that the Calhoun County Parks Trustees be invited to attend their meeting to discuss the master plan, rules, parameters, trail cams, signage, etc. He also asked when Historic Bridge Park would reopen. Mr. Henning responded that the EPA would be reassessing the park at the end of June, as the park is clean but not the water. The County Health Department is following the EPA ruling. Mr. Henning added that the shoreline restoration looks great. Discussion took place on the effectiveness of the booms.

Commissioner Tobin thanked Commissioner Vreeland and all involved with the MDNRE grant application for their work on such short notice.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 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 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk

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Eric J. Tobin, Chairman