

**EMMET COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009 11:00 A.M.  
MCGULPIN POINT LIGHTHOUSE  
MACKINAW CITY, MI 49702**

**MINUTES**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: LEROY GREGORY, DAN PLASENCIA, DEAN SCHEERENS  
MEMBERS ABSENT: WENDY ARMSTRONG, LEXIE BRUMMELER  
STAFF: LAURIE MIER, SANDY HANSEN  
VISITORS: LYN JOHNSON, NANCY SALAR, MONICA LINEHAN

**I Call to Order**

Scheerens called the meeting to order at 11:10 p.m. All members were present except Armstrong and Brummeler.

**II Minutes of July 14, 2009**

Plasencia made a motion supported by Gregory to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present.

**III Nancy Salar-Emmet County Recreation Plan**

Salar went through the minor changes that were made since the last draft was sent out. She noted that all maps have been inserted. Salar noted that there is a resolution prepared if the committee feels that the plan is ready to be approved. This will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their next meeting. Gregory made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the resolution of approval and forward the Emmet County Recreation Plan to the Emmet County Planning Commission for their review. This motion was supported by Plasencia and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present. Scheerens signed the resolution.

**IV Headlands**

Mier reported that the cleanup of the flood damage at the house is completed. Johnson reported that they are working on improving the access road to improve traffic flow at the beach house. This would be through the old tennis court location. The septic system is completed and the parking issues are being addressed. Future work to establish more barrier free access will be looked at, however these projects are on hold now because of budget issues. Revenue is down because of the work that has been going on but the interest is still there and they are completely booked for 2010.

**V Lighthouse**

Johnson reported that \$3,000.00 has been collected in donations in the past four weeks. There is a constant flow of people touring the grounds. The County promotional literature was given out and well received at the MAC conference. There is interest from a variety of counties and historical commissions. Plasencia suggested looking into grants. Johnson explained that they are harder to obtain now because of the economy. He did note that a piece of ship identified by a State of Michigan archeologist as an 1870's schooner Westwind, washed up on Cecil Bay. The State cannot do anything with it at the moment so they have given it to the County to care for and display. The State reports on the County parks have been positive.

## **VI Camp Petosega**

Mier reported that the Michigan Works crew has put in the four gazebos. A 40' x 60' pavilion has been approved and construction will start around Labor Day. Some children's educational programs may be held there. Hansen asked if the pavilion will be rented out. Johnson stated that it would be and a rental fee schedule will have to be drawn up. Camp Petosega revenue is up significantly. Johnson reported that he has been out to the campground seven times this season and has observed no issues except for one fireworks violation.

## **VII Community Center**

Hansen stated that she has had a wedding held at the gazebo already and the party loved it. The gazebo at the Fairgrounds will have some slight modifications because people are wanting to use it for weddings. The antique show went well. Hansen is working with the city to collaborate on the open house. The fair is next week and then they will be busy for the holidays.

## **VIII Miscellaneous**

There was some discussion on the two dates chosen for the group bus trips to do inventory of the County properties. Transportation will be arranged. There was also discussion on the new ORV ordinance and the potential for areas in which an ORV park or trails could be formed. Johnson noted that Genessee County has an amazing park/recreation system which includes a 300 acre ORV park, historic villages, trains, opera houses, etc.

## **VIV Next Meeting & Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held Sept 15, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. and will be held at the Equestrian Center at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.