



Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Daryl Cheeseman, Jim Halliwill, John Higgins, John Resseguie, Heather Wing, Russ Yarger, Sharon Zebrowski

Absent: Doris Lee Hale (arrived at 4:07 p.m.), Rick Moore (arrived at 4:20 p.m.), Bob Spaulding (arrived at 5 p.m.)

Others Present: Gary Haskins (arrived at 5 p.m.)

Staff Present: Dan Patton & Stacey Graham

Approval of Agenda: Resseguie moved to approve the Board agenda for August 14, 2017, with the addition of Gary Haskins LLC, electrician, presentation, after the Park Tour and Halliwill seconded. Motion carried.

Park Tour: Board members and staff boarded the Park's people mover for a tour of the Park grounds in the Village and recreation area.

Gary Haskins Electric, LLC Presentation: Haskins was present to update the Board on the Walnut Grove electrical system. Several recent large capacity rentals have taken their toll on the area. The existing system allows for 8 campers to safely plug in and is being over taxed, causing issues for camping, rentals and food vendors. The Board should consider creating a policy, limiting the use of electricity at Walnut Grove. A lottery system for camping and encouraging the use of generators, was considered. The Facilities Committee will review protocol at its August meeting and further discussion will occur at the Board meeting in September.

Hale departed the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Resseguie motioned to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017 and Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Limited Public Comment: None

Park Financial Report: Graham presented the monthly financial report. Resseguie motioned to accept the July, 2017 Park Expenditure and Revenue report and Higgins seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports & Updates:

Park Update: Patton reported that staff have been busy conducting Park events over the past month. Discussion occurred on the algae issue at the beach.

Education & Collections Committee: Did not meet in July.

Facilities & Properties Committee: Did not meet in July.

Executive Committee: Moore reported the Committee met August 2 to discuss 2018 rental rates. Regina Young attended the meeting to discuss the algae issue at Thornapple Lake. Horses were stationed at the Park in July during the Gas & Steam Engine Show and will be invited again to the Fall Festival. Park fundraising was also discussed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2018 Park Rental Rates: Patton distributed the 2018 Rentals Pricing spreadsheet. The Park will institute In County and Out of County Rates for Facility Rentals, Education Programming and an across-the-board rental increase for food vendors in 2018. Graham will begin booking 2018 facility rentals on September 5, 2018. Resseguie motioned to approve and institute the 2018 Park Rental Rates and Halliwill seconded.

Zebrowski requested a roll call vote:

YES: Cheeseman, Halliwill, Higgins, Moore, Resseguie, Spaulding, Wing, Yarger, Zebrowski

NO: None

ABSENT: Hale

Motion carried.

Volunteer Picnic - September 5: Graham invited the Board to the Fall Picnic at the Pavilion on September 5. Please join us for a meal and fellowship. RSVP to the Park Office by August 28.

Limited Public Comment: None

Board Member Comments: None

Moore made the motion to adjourn, Resseguie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Upjohn House at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Patton

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