



Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Doris Lee Hale, Jim Halliwill, John Higgins, Rick Moore, Bob Spaulding, John Resseguie, Heather Wing, Russ Yarger, Sharon Zebrowski

Absent: Daryl Cheeseman (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

Others Present: None

Staff Present: Dan Patton & Stacey Graham

Approval of Agenda: Hale moved to approve the Board agenda for July 10, 2017, with the addition of fundraising under New Business and Resseguie seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Yarger motioned to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017 and Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Limited Public Comment: Spaulding noted his displeasure at the location and volume of the Park's PA speakers during the Gas & Steam Show July 7-8.

Park Bylaws Discussion: Zebrowski introduced discussion on the Park bylaws, clarifying the role of the Park Board in relation to the bylaws. Section 4 notes the Board of Directors' purpose is to plan, develop, preserve, acquire, administer, maintain and operate the Park. Section 18 notes the Board employs the Park staff.

Committee Reports & Updates:

Park Update: Graham presented financial reports on Charlton Park Day, Old Fashioned 4th of July and the Gas & Steam Engine Show. A report on the Father's Day Car Show will be given at a later date. Patton presented the Park's annual report to the County Board of Commissioners on June 13. Facility rentals are ongoing. The 2018 Park Budget has been submitted to County

Administrator, Michael Brown, and further discussion on the building fund request is expected in August. The storms of 7/7/17 did not result in damage to person. Minor property damage did occur, mainly to tent canopies. Patton played an anonymous voicemail from a belligerent caller received by the Park.

Education & Collections Committee: Resseguie reported the committee met June 21 to discuss recruiting education programming volunteers, which continues to be an issue. Offering more diverse Park programming was also discussed.

Facilities & Properties Committee: Did not meet in June.

Executive Committee: Did not meet in July.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Building Agreement Michigan Longbow Association: Patton presented a proposal for consideration whereby the Michigan Longbow Association (MLA) would install and maintain a 20'x15' storage shed on Park property, near the maintenance shop, to house its equipment. Resseguie motioned to allow the MLA to install a shed and to authorize Patton to sign a 3 year building agreement and Cheeseman seconded.

Zebrowski requested a roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Westinghouse to Buckley, MI: Discussion regarding transporting the Park's Westinghouse Steam Engine to the Buckley, MI 50th Anniversary Tractor Show. Cheeseman reported none of the 3 main operators are available to run the Westinghouse, so the Park is declining the invitation.

Bottled Water Sales: Zebrowski introduced discussion regarding selling bottled water at Park events. Graham noted sales at the Father's Day Car Show and Civil War Muster have occurred in the past, if donated water exists. Donated water supplies are depleted for 2017. Zebrowski inquired about Board member interest in selling water at Hastings Summerfest. Brian Reynolds offered a site at his office on State Street. Further discussion will occur at the meeting in August.

Limited Public Comment: None

Board Member Comments: Spaulding inquired if the Park thanks its volunteers sufficiently. The Park hosts two volunteer appreciation luncheons annually. Yarger noted a "thank our volunteers as you peruse our grounds" sign he saw at an event. Resseguie noted Howard Gibson, a County Commissioner, would like to see a 100 unit camp ground at Charlton Park. Obstacles to the creation and licensing of a campground were discussed. The importance of project-specific fundraising at the Park was discussed. Cheeseman noted a successful Gas & Steam Engine Show July 7-8. New volunteers, guests and equipment were in attendance. 1099 Forms have been distributed by the County Clerk to anyone being paid over \$500 by the Park, which necessitated an increase in hauling fees for 2017.

Moore made the motion to adjourn, Resseguie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Upjohn House at **4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Patton

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