



Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Voting Members Present: Bob Becker, Daryl Cheeseman, Howard Gibson, Julie Guenther, Doris Lee Hale, Jim Halliwill, Rick Moore, John Resseguie, Mike Plaska, Bob Spaulding, Sharon Zebrowski

Absent: John Higgins, Mike Snyder

Staff Present: Dan Patton & Stacey Graham

Approval of Agenda: Gibson moved approval of the September 12, 2016 agenda, with the addition of 'Train Offer' under New Business and Cheeseman seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Resseguie moved to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 23, 2016 and Gibson seconded. Motion carried.

Limited Public Comment: Jim Brown, Hastings Charter Township Supervisor, distributed a copy of the news release printed by WBCH 100.1 FM regarding his idea to create one, county-wide Parks and Recreation Commission. He proposes to establish an advisory committee to evaluate his proposal. Discussion occurred.

Committee Reports & Updates:

Park Update: Patton reported on the successful Barry County Outdoor Recreation Youth Day, held at the Park on September 10, which was well attended. The Walnut Grove electrical box installation is complete and waiting for Consumers Energy to complete its portion. The Fall Harvest Festival will be held September 23-25. The Health Department's water quality monitoring is completed at the swimming beach for the year. The water quality was under a contact advisory at the end of August and over Labor Day weekend, due to high contamination levels. A new DEQ sign will be installed at the Park's boat launch to help combat the spread of invasive aquatic species by boaters.

Education & Collections Committee: Committee meets on September 21, 2016.

Facilities & Properties Committee: Committee meets on September 27, 2016.

Executive Committee: Moore reported the committee met September 7 to review new federal overtime regulations effective December 1, 2016.

Old Business:

2016 Park Millage: Patton distributed two letters to the editor which were printed in the August 25 edition of the Hastings Banner newspaper. He also reviewed millage spreadsheets detailing facts about the new Park millage language that will appear as two questions on the November 8 ballot. He reviewed a new Millage Q&A fact sheet and new Park projects proposed if an additional millage passes. Zebrowski noted the sign up list for presenting Park millage information at township meetings and that a representative was still needed to attend the Assyria and Prairieville township meetings. Becker volunteered to attend the Assyria Township meeting(s).

New Business:

Train Offer: Patton distributed an email from Randy Truax of Hastings detailing a working train set that the Park could purchase at a cost of \$45,000. Gibson offered to bring the email to County Commissioners. Consensus was that, due to lack of funds, the Park would decline the offer at this time.

Resseguie made the motion to adjourn, Plaska supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2016 at the Upjohn House at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Patton

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