

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in Conference Room 4B. Attendance was as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
William Chickering	X		John Matusak, Brian Bailey, Bill Wolf
Teri Sue Freehling	X		
Dave Vollrath	X		
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 9:39 a.m.
- Commissioner Vollrath approved the minutes as presented. He was the only member present last week.
- Resolution P1909304 was re-signed by Commissioners Chickering and Vollrath due to the Clerk’s office misplacing the original Resolution.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Brian Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director provided the following monthly update:

- Julia LaSata “retired” from the Parks Commission and was recognized for her 43 years of public service at last night’s Park Commission meeting.
- Revenue is down \$42,825 when compared to September 30, 2018.
- The last CY2019 environmental/recycling program was held October 12, 2019. There were six total events during CY2019 and 2562 vehicles attended. The events yielded 118,100 pounds of household hazardous waste and 83,300 pounds of electronics which were recycled and safely disposed of.
- **Love Creek:** EEE scare caused school groups to cancel visits to the Park; DMAP hunt was approved by the DNR and will take place November 15, 16, 17 all day and from dawn to 10 am on November 22, 23, and 24; The Indian Bowl grant deadline was extended to December 1; the second Biketoberfest was held on October 6. Attendance more than doubled from last year. PHSC approved by consensus the special event use request for next year’s event to be held on October 4, 2020.
- **Madeline Bertrand:** 35th annual disc golf tournament held; Sand Ridge Professional Disc Golf Club hosted a PDGA even attended by 72 participants. Broken concrete was replaced at Topenebee Shelter and on two golf tees. A new concrete pad was installed outside the Lodge doors with room for ten picnic tables. A \$4800 donation was received for new steps along the River Shelter trail.
- **Silver Beach:** Restrooms close for the season at the end of the month. Yesterday’s storm caused major flooding and erosion at the Park.
- **Galien River:** Open daily
- **Rocky Gap:** Vault restrooms will close in early November. A tree fell during yesterday’s storm and damaged the fence, which will need to be repaired.
- **Paw Paw River:** gravel entry and parking area are being graded as use dictates.
- **1839 Courthouse:** new windows being installed; exterior painting will take place next spring.
- Five Year Park Plan was presented to the Parks Commission last night. Tentative schedule is as follows:
 - Public Comment period October 31 – November 30
 - Public Hearing: December 5
 - BOC Adoption: December 12
 - Sent to DNR before 02/01/2020.
- Parks Millage discussion ensued.

CHAIRMAN/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner Chickering distributed copies of the draft by-law document. He asked that Committee members review the draft and be prepared to discuss on November 7, 2019 during the PHSC meeting.

Commissioner Vollrath asked Administrator Wolf about a supporting Resolution for the Michigan Association of Counties initiative to lengthen Commissioner terms to four years in place of the current two year term. Administrator Wolf referred him the Board Chair for authorization to request a Resolution of support.

The Parks millage was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Adjourned 10:30 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Jasper
Human Resources Director