

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in Conference Room 4B Roll was called. Results as follows:

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 9:31 a.m.
- Motion by Commissioner Freehling, supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- The following Resolutions were reviewed, discussed and signed by all Committee members:
 - P1903192, a Resolution to authorize a Michigan Recreation Passport grant application for \$150,000
 - P1903191, a Resolution to approve a Trial Court requested complement change
 - P1903171, a Resolution to approve a CPBC amendment between the State and the Health Department

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Director Brian Bailey distributed the spring Parks Department newsletter. Brian reported that collections are lower when compared to this point in time last year. He attributed that to the poor winter weather conditions this year. Brian advised the Committee that the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Day will be April 10 at Lake Michigan College from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Brian reported that all Park properties are readying for the spring season and then provided individual Park property updates. Highlights included:

- Love Creek:
 - new naturalist is on duty
 - Frogwatch (frog counting event) will occur
 - There will be a DNR prescribed burn at the Indian Bowl property in order to help restore the fen and eliminate invasive species.
- Madeline Bertrand:
 - Recreation Passport grant will be sought for the replacement of the River Shelter
 - Disc golf courses and supplies are ready for golfers
 - Facility rental update
 - Seven day a week operation will commence around April 1 and remain thru October (weather permitting)
- Silver Beach:
 - Maintenance crews are readying the property by moving sand
- Galien River:
 - Park is now open for visitors. The Sheriff’s Office staff opens and closes the Park each day.
- Rocky Gap:
 - Park is now open for visitors
- Paw Paw River:
 - Brian plans to open the park this week, but very muddy conditions persist.

Brian reminded the Committee that the April 4 Board meeting will occur at the 1839 Courthouse and Kathy Cyr will provide a programming update.

ADMINISTRATOR/CHAIRMAN

Administrator Wolf responded to questions regarding Senior Center audit processes.

Adjourned 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Jasper
Human Resources Director