

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the August 15, 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		Mac Elliott, Brain Bailey, Bill Wolf
Teri Sue Freehling		X	Michael Haskins
Dave Vollrath	X		
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 9:24 a.m.
- Motion by Commissioner Vollrath, supported by Commissioner Chickering to approve the minutes of July 25 as presented. 2 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Motion by Motion by Commissioner Vollrath, supported by Commissioner Chickering to approve the following advanced step hire request for Larry Harris, Investigator, Public Defender’s Office. 2 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Mr. Harris will be compensated at grade 8, step 2, annualized salary of \$42,648
- Resolution P1908279, a Resolution to establish a policy regarding speed studies, was tabled for further discussion next week.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Director Brian Bailey presented his monthly report. Highlights included:

- Report of Collection: fee income for the period ending July 31, 2019 was \$521,392, which represents a year over year decrease of \$41,393. Brian attributes that to poor weather on Memorial Day weekend.
- Love Creek: Recycling event held 08/14; strong turnout. Next event is 9/21 at Silver Beach. Preparations continue for the October 6th Bikttoberfest event; new foot-bridge completed on the Old Dam Trail; bird outing is scheduled for August 20; deer management permit will be sought for November 15, 16, and 17 and then the 29th and 30th.
- Madeline Bertrand: August 16th will be the Viking Stampede Cross County Run hosted by Niles High School; September 21 is the 35th annual fall disc golf tournament; October 12 Professional Disc Golf Association Tournament.
- Silver Beach: Last day for Lifeguards was August 11; signs are posted and rangers will continue to monitor the Nation al Weather Service and adjust the swim flags appropriately. The Kayak/Stand Up Paddleboard concession agreement expires mid-September and Brian recommends bidding for the 2020-2022 agreement. PHSC concurred.
- Special Events Agreement: Brian provided a listing of the nine special event requests. PHSC reviewed and concurred with allowing all nine events.
- 1839 Courthouse: a new director will start next week.
- Galien River, Rocky Gap and Paw Paw River: parks remain open
- Five Year Plan (2020-2024) Public meeting will be held August 21 at New Buffalo Township Hall; Brian anticipates the draft plan will be ready for review at the October Parks Commission meeting and BOC approval December/January timeframe.

CHAIRMAN/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Wolf advised that next week’s workshop will focus on the Parks Department capital requests/plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Haskins commented about the safety hazard golf carts would create if allowed on public roadways.

Adjourned 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper
Human Resources Director