

Aitkin County Park Commission

Meeting 6/10/2013 – Long Lake Conservation Center

D Kitzrow
C Janzen
T Gustin
J Blomberg
T Warnest
L Westerlund
S Rian
M Jacobs

The meeting was called to order by T Gustin at 6:50 PM

The agenda was unanimously approved (motion C Janzen/2nd D Kitzrow)

The minutes of the 4/8/2013 meeting were approved unanimously subject to spelling corrections (motion J Blomberg/2nd T Warnest)

Parks Report – M Jacobs reported that campground fees are slightly up from last year. Also that a Parks & Trails Legacy grant to upgrade parks and accesses along the Mississippi River was approved in the past legislative session – but we have received no letter of confirmation as of this date.

Trails Report - M Jacobs reported that ATV use on the Northwoods trail is strong. The County has a purchase agreement on a sand pit north of McGregor to potentially develop an ATV park/technical area in cooperation with MN DNR. There is a large ATV event scheduled at Quadna Mountain Park for 6/20-23. It is anticipated to attract 3000-4000 people. The County and DNR have been actively involved in the process to help minimize potential problems associated with a gathering of this size.

LLCC Report – S Rian reported that revenue generated through May 31st was \$332,205 and expenses \$295,308 = in the black and ahead of last year. Summer camp registration is on-par with recent years, but ahead of 2012. The low quote on the LED exterior light conversion project is K & N Electric of Aitkin at \$1392 (other quotes Boyd's Electric = \$1480, Dutch's Electric = \$1605). This conversion is expected to pay for itself in a year or two. Prioritizing future projects/issues was discussed. It was the consensus of the Commission that the south road access issue be revisited, but not before we get solid information on establishing an alternative route (cost, permits, etc). The acquisition of the Pomeroy tower (Near Mora) which is being decommissioned by MN DNR was discussed – it would be a great public amenity for LLCC... motion by C Janzen/2nd D Kitzrow to recommend that the County accept the donation of a “fire tower” from MN DNR – approved unanimously.

There will be no scheduled July meeting.

Motion to adjourn C Janzen/ D Kitzrow 2nd – approved unanimously @ 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Mark Jacobs

