

Starke County Park Board Minutes – 10/30/14

Board Attendance: Marcia Bedrock, Debbie Mix, Rosemary Rose, Skyler Ellinger. Absent: Mike Medows

Call to Order at 6:10pm at the County Annex Building

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bedrock opened the meeting with a call to determine the officers. After some discussion, D. Mix motioned that a slate of

Marcia Bedrock, President

Skyler Ellinger, Vice President

Debbie Mix, Secretary

be accepted, and the motion was seconded by Rosie Rose. A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

The next item of discussion was to determine a day and time to meet. After going over dates, it was agreed that the meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. A motion was made by Marcia and seconded by Skyler to meet on the 3rd Tues of each month at 6pm at the Annex. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Marcia will check to be sure the annex is available and be in contact with us to confirm meeting room availability.

The next agenda item was the discussion of the Bass Lake Beach Lease. A question from the audience was given asking if the audience would be allowed to be a part of the discussion by the board or if questions and comments had to be held until the end. President Bedrock asked the board if they had any objections to the audience interjecting into our discussion. As there were no objections, the audience was given permission to speak.

Some history of the BL Beach was given by board members and audience members.

It was asked if Mr. Wallsmith and Mr. Callahan had been contacted regarding this meeting as that was requested at the last commissioners meeting. Pres. Bedrock said she was unaware of the request and unsure if they had been contacted by another party. Another question posed was, "Why is a county-owned campground different than a privately owned campground in the way it operates?"

Comments included:

- BL campground is not a State Park camp. Why has a 15 day restriction been proposed by the commissioners?
- ...without seasonal campers, the county is essentially giving a death sentence to the Callahan business.
- Will there be an intermediary person such as a superintendent of Parks to work with the lessee? Pres. Bedrock noted that this is a non-funded board, and as such, there will not be a Park Superintendant and currently there is no 5 yr plan, as the Land and Water Conservation Fund requires to get funding.

A copy of the original deed from the State to Starke County was provided to the board for review at a later time.

President Bedrock will contact Mr. M. Lucas, County Attorney, for information on the why he feels the campground should be handled as a State Park. She will also contact Mr. Wallsmith and Mr. Callahan regarding the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by D. Mix and seconded by R. Rose. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm. Respectfully submitted by D. Mix, secretary.