

Board Attendance: Roger Chaffins, Butch Gerstandt, Chris Lawrence, Debbie Mix, Rosemary Rose.

Call to Order at 6:00 pm at the County Annex Building

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – All board members present. County Attorney Martin Lucas was in attendance.

A motion was made (Lawrence-Mix) to accept the minutes without Appendix A and specific public comments. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Bass Lake Beach and Campground:

A comment about the gazebo was made noting that a permit (#20160565) has been pulled from the Starke County Planning Commission to refurbish the gazebo. A motion to proceed with the gazebo work and repairs was made (Rose-Lawrence) and a vote carried the motion.

Discussion: an organization such as “Friends of the Park” can be established if a group so desires. Most every park has one and its mission would be to assist the park with items that the park isn’t able to do. This was a suggestion and not a request to form such an organization.

Discussion was had about the structure that had been started for Tim’s Dawgs when asked if the structure is completed or removed. The structure is still unfinished. A motion was made (Lawrence-Mix) to have the hot dog structure removed within 90 days. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Roger noted that nothing has come back yet from K-IRPC Edwin Buswell, but it required 40 days and that amount of time has not passed. It was suggested that we may want to call a special meeting if the report comes in before the next meeting so we can try to meet the January grant deadline.

Discussion that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on Election Day and we may want to move the date back to the 2nd Tues just for the one month. It was agreed to have the next meeting on November 15.

Public comments included:

Homeowners don’t want to pay to stop for 10 or 15 minutes. It was agreed that during the week no one would be there to ask them to pay.

The campground is well kept but the beach is basically abandoned and they would like to see beach improvements.

It was asked to view the entrance fee as an environmental fee to help keep the grounds clean and in good working order. There was an admittance fee even when the State had it.

Diver platform still hasn’t been removed. Roger is working with the State to have that completed by next Spring.

It was suggested that the platform can most probably be floated out.

Mara Clarich thanked the audience for their concern and coming to these meetings.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm (Lawrence-Rose). The next meeting is on Nov. 15, 2016, 6pm at the Annex building.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Mix, secretary.