

Park Board Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2017

Members present: D. Mix, R. Chaffins, R. Rose, B. Gerstandt and Attorney M. Lucas

President Mix opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Minutes – Roger moved and Butch seconded to approve October minutes

Starke County Forest – Mr. Wakeland reported there were no issues with the timber sale.

He has built a foot bridge across the spillway.

The closed section from the logging has been reopened.

Snow grooming will be discussed at the next meeting.

Lions Park at Koontz Lake – Rosie motioned and Roger seconded to incorporate the Hamlet Lions Club's Park into the Starke County Park system. A vote was taken and the motion passed. This needs to be brought up to the Commissioners.

Bass Lake Beach and Campground – There was no representative present. Mr. Lucas noted that the direction is positive but it's difficult to get all interested parties together at one time. Mr. Clarich and Rik Ritzler need to be included so agreement can be made on how to make changes. There is no plan yet.

A board member needs to push production along regarding the outside building. Roger Chaffins will be the board representative and will contact Deb if necessary.

Concerns brought up by board members:

How to go forward with the beach part? Renegotiation? Piers?

Atty. Lucas noted that the agreement must be mutually beneficial. Will the park board be able to get volunteers? He noted that the preservation of the beach house is essential. Hard questions include:

Will the piers be included since they are on the beach side?

What about the beach house bathrooms and showers?

Any grants will need to be in cooperation between the Park Board and Callahan LLC to determine a plan for the grants.

A suggestion was made to get help with preparing an encompassing plan for the beach vision by getting a work group together that would include many interested parties. Suggestion would be to include a representative from the oark board, a Callahan LLC rep, public potential volunteers BLPOA member. Several suggestions for the language for how a Beach RFP would look. Ideas will be sent for discussion at next month's meeting.

Attorney Lucas stated he needs to go over and seek approval with Callahan LLC before anything can be done. This should be completed by next month's meeting. The RFP should be out there by February 1st.

Next month's meeting will be changed to Tuesday, January 23 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:~~07~~ p.m. with a motion by Roger and seconded by Rosie.