



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PARK COMMISSION

LAKE EMILY COUNTY PARK: WEST
LODGE
3881 PARK DR.
AMHERST JUNCTION, WI 54407

Thursday, May 12, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Park Commission meeting was called to order at 05:00 PM

Members Present: Mike Splinter, Greg Hakala, Mike Olson, Jim Zach, George Kraft.
Members Excused: Sara Brish

Staff Attending: Ryan Rose, Sue McKenzie, Rex Runke
Others Attending: Ray Reser, Bill Biadaz, Jolene Stremkowski.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARK COMMISSIONERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. President

Park Director Ryan Rose called three times for nominees for President. Commissioner George Kraft nominated Commissioner Mike Splinter as President. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Olson, seconded by Commissioner Jim Zach. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Vice President

President Mike Splinter called three times for nominees for Vice President. President Splinter nominated Jim Zach. No other nominations. A motion was made by Commissioner George Kraft, seconded by Commissioner Mike Olson. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Secretary

President Splinter called three times for nominees for Secretary. Commissioner Kraft nominated Commissioner Sara Brish. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Olson, seconded by Commissioner Shaun Przblyski. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. April 14, 2022 DRAFT

A motion was made by Commissioner James Zach, seconded by Commissioner George Kraft to approve. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

5. Vendor List

6. Presidents Report

President Splinter welcomed the incoming Park Commissioners: Greg Hakala, Mike Olson, Shaun Przblyski.

7. Park Commissioner(s) Report

8. Park Director Report

Parks Director Ryan Rose said that the increase in seasonal wages has been tremendously helpful. Rose said that he was able to find more seasonals to fill the Parks for the summer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Ray Reser: Item 11.

Bill Biadasz: Item 11

CORRESPONDENCE

9. Support for Native Mounds at Lake Emily

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

11. Discussion and Possible Action request from Bill Biadasz and Jolene Stremkowski to inquire if The Portage County Parks Department would be interested in selling a 45' by 180' section of land, adjacent to parcel number 103231018-13.6, 3983 Lake Drive in Amherst Junction, WI. The section is across from Lake Emily's boat landing.

Bill Biadasz came before the Park Commissioners to inquire if they were interested in selling land adjacent to his, to possibly build an attached garage.

Ray Reser expressed his concern of allowing The Portage County Parks to possibly sell the land. Reser stated that Lake Emily has a history of Native American Burial mounds that are around the park and the concerns that may arise from building on the proposed property.

Park Commissioner Jim Zach shares Ray Reser's concern. Zach stated that the Park Commissioners are there to preserve the parks. Park Commissioner George Kraft agreed with Commissioner Zach's comment on preserving land and Ray Reser's concern of the Native American history at Lake Emily.

A motion was made by Commissioner George Kraft to deny the request of Mr. Biadasz and Mrs. Stremkowski. Kraft thanked them for their inquiry to the Parks Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Jim Zach to deny. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. Discussion and Possible action to approve the 2021 Parks Annual Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shaun Przblyski, seconded by Commissioner Mike Olson to approve. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE TBD

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner George Kraft, seconded by Shaun Przblyski, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 05:45 PM

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