

Big Prairie Township Parks Commission

Tuesday April 6, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 2 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Clark, Ruehmeier, Ryman, Tucker and VanDam present.

Public Input: Eric Vogel, Morley MI – Mr. Vogel received a notice from BPTPC, September 2020, regarding banned from all BPTPC parks until September 2023 due to incident report dated 9-5-2020. Mr. Vogel stated he did not take part in the incident and would like his ban lifted. Board to review the report and contact Mr. Vogel with decision within 10 days.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ruehmeier, 2nd by VanDam to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Camp Host: 0

Maintenance Report: Purchased 2014 Silverado – 1500, 4x4, Ext. Cab to be picked up tomorrow. BPTPC logo to be placed on both Green and new truck.
Purchased 2021 Mule – Burgundy, hitch, roof and windshield, to be picked up this week.
All cleaning employees have been called back for 2021 season.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruehmeier, 2nd by Tucker to approve the minutes from March 23, 2021 as written. Motion carried.

Board Reports: Chairman – 0

Vice Chairman – 0

Secretary – Rules and Regulations have gone to the attorney.

Treasurer – working with Ross Accounting to improve services.

Trustee – update on Tourist Council project “Go Exploring Challenge” to get people into Newaygo County from now thru December 1, 2021. Parks to be part of the project. BPTPC will donate (1) Cabin/Camping non-holiday weekend rental towards the prizes.

BPTPC to make a monetary donation to Tourist Council, amount to be determined.

Treasurer Report: March 19-25, 2021 = \$103,192.23 March 26-April 1, 2021 = \$6,206.35 Total = \$109,398.58.

Motion by Ryman, 2nd by Clark to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Motion carried.

Present and Pay Bills: Motion by VanDam, 2nd by Ryman to approve the bills as followed; Gross payroll week ending April 1, 2021 - \$10,189.90. Bills - \$ pending. Motion carried.

Office Report: Annual River Valley Chamber membership due. Board agrees to renew at \$250.00.

Employee discount only applies to camp site fees. No cabins. No seasonal.

Ms. Oom had not paid seasonal fee for 2021 by deadline, forfeiture of both deposit and seasonal lot. Letter to be sent.

Office position are filled for 2021 season.
Camp Host – still searching.
Employee evaluation forms are complete and ready to use.

Old Business: 0

New Business: BBPOA president has inquired “why members had to pay entrance fee to launch boats” as before they did not. Understanding at time of BPTPC relinquished the leased property contract, now under lease between Consumers Energy and BBPOA, was BBPOA members would resume paying launch fees. BPTPC would not charge BBPOA for pavilion use for their meetings, in turn, BPTPC would be able to use area near pavilion for parking during Seasonal Lottery which is one time per year. Chairman to contact BBPOA president and explain.

Contract between Jerry’s Towing and BPTPC was signed by Chairman.

Miscellaneous: Brooke from Consumers Energy says water should be up to normal by Memorial Day 2021.

Dragon Trail construction to start from Brower park towards, but not to, Newaygo State park this spring.

Adjournment: Motion by VanDam, 2nd by Ruehmeier to adjourn this meeting at 3:12 P.M. Motion carried.

Submitted for Approval

Colleen Ryman
Secretary

Approved April 20, 2021