

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
County Affairs Committee Special Meeting of the Whole Minutes
January 18, 2019
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair West at 5:30 PM. Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners David Comai, Patty Cox, Kohn Fisher, Leigh Ngirarsaol, James Sweet, John West and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Absent Commissioner Craig Crambell. Pledge of Allegiance by all. Invocation by Commissioner Cox.

Call for Conflict: None

Purpose of Meeting:

Chair West called for Commissioner Comai to review proposed user group agreements as presented for the Board to review.

Commissioner Sweet inquired as to clarification of agreements.

Public Input:

Greg Dodge: Inquired as to decisions at Committee Meeting.

Brent Lucyk: Deferred input.

Deb Ball-Odeh: Deferred input.

Brad Kniss: Noted request for FAIR dates in August rather than July; noted additional dates requested for FAIR derbys.

Continued discussion; noted FAIR and 4-H are separate entities; discussion regarding FAIR dates moving to August.

Discussion and review of proposed agreements; noted consideration of side of pole barn to allow FAIR to use; possible use of gymnasium at Civic Center for ball group; FAIR representative noted need for extended agreements to qualify for grants. Kniss noted concern with County's care and conditions of the grounds.

Continued discussion regarding grounds costs, fee schedules, user groups that have vested in grounds, outside use, determination of what groups meet the criteria to be given consideration for reduced fees. Commissioner Comai noted reminder that approved fee schedules were historically not followed, facilities were miss-used by users leading to necessary action by the Board. Discussion regarding concern with extended agreements. Discussion regarding proposed fees and grounds use for FAIR and Ball field users.

Committee Chair West called for recess at 8:00 PM. Meeting reconvened at 8:10 PM.

Deb Ball-Odeh: Addressed information regarding 4-H use of grounds.

Continued discussion, review of 4-H proposed agreement. Comai noted 4-H has met the requests of the Board. Consensus to review 4-H Agreement with proposed changes.

Deb Hill: Hill requested communication by Horse Project if the Board considers re-visiting county assistance with grounds; reminded that KHP paid annual fees to the county for several years, funds toward purchase of the tractor and electric use.

Discussion regarding Winterfest and Sno-X scheduling; permit requirements from Village; concern with negative communications to the Sno-X group. Comai to review.

Consensus user groups to make changes as discussed and return documents to Parks and Recreation Committee and counsel for review.

Public Input:

Deb Ball-Odeh: Odeh addressed Committee noting communication with survey vendor and allowance to use the code for multiple surveys and additional reports will be provided.

Discussion regarding change in survey process and communications.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk and
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

Kohn Fisher, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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