

AGENDA: Parks Commission
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 6:30 PM

Location: Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum

1. Approve/Correct Minutes (attached) from the January 23, 2018 meeting.
2. We had the following February Resolutions:
 - A. Resolution to hire seasonal employees for 2019.
 - B. Resolution for a 1 year vendor contract extension for Owasco Paddles.
 - C. Resolution to accept a generous donation of \$12,500 from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation to assist with the funding of the 2019 July 3rd Independence Day Celebration fireworks display.
3. We have no planned resolutions for March
4. Emerson Park:
 - A. CFA Grant for the Deauville Island Improvements:
 1. The RFP for the destination playground RFP is being held pending site feedback from TWMLA.
 2. TWMLA (landscape architect) planning meetings have produced preliminary outlines for construction and budget.
 3. Programming planning meetings have begun with Biederman Redevelopment Ventures.
 - B. The sluiceway excavation: no report
 - C. The Ag Museum sewer pit: Electrical install is complete. Awaiting equipment and contractor schedule – weather dependent.
 - D. The new county website; based on internal and public feedback, we are moving the Emerson Park page out of the facilities module and creating a land page for the Park and will be using the facilities module for rentable shelters throughout the park.
5. Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
 - A. 2018 attendance: 32,400, (2017:24,827, 2016:19,937)
BOCES is working on the electric in garage exhibit
 - B. Festival of Trees was a huge success this year with over 100 decorated trees
 - C. Working with a publisher in Moravia to get printing prices on 3 of Ward O'Hara's books: Auburn, South of Auburn, Aurelius
 - D. The Museum Patron Campaign for 2019 is going quite well: \$12,500.00 to date.
These funds will go toward insulating and heating the museum
 - E. The Museum continues to have visitors during the winter months
 - F. Museum Program: "Harvesting History" takes place Thursday nights
 - G. 2019 school groups are being scheduled to visit the museum and participate in Museum Educational Series
 - H. Staff is working on presentations for Senior Citizen Groups on the Museum its' offerings
 - I. County Fair and Big 6 meetings are scheduled February and March

6. Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):
 - A. The new Sterling Nature Center review committee has met with Beardsley Design Associates and is 75% complete with design meetings. The firm will present the final design at the March Parks Commission Meeting.
 - B. Cayuga County has received \$7,890.26 from FEMA for trail replacement, regrading and repair including tree removal as necessary. This represents the federal portion of the reimbursement. We are anticipating the NY State portion within 6 weeks (\$1315.04, totaling \$9205.30 with adjustments) to complete the reimbursement.
 - C. The SNC staff is finalizing the 2019 program calendar.

7. Owasco Flats:
 - A. No report.

8. Trail Update:
 - A. The Auburn Fleming Trail: maintenance requests are being managed on an as needed basis.
 - B. The Cato-Fair Haven Trail: stone has been requested by the Sterling Trail Tamers to make repairs on the Cato –Fair Haven Trail. We have ordered stone and requested Highway to haul when they are available.
 - C. Cato Brutus Trail bridges: crane and rigging quotes have been sought for the 2 remaining bridge site on this trail. Updated general quotes have also been requested from vendors that had previously sent information on options for the 2 remaining spans \$25,000 has been included in the 2019 budget and CC Soil & Water has offered assistance again in the site preparations.

9. New Business
 - A. Parks Commission member search; County and City of Auburn officials have been contacted regarding a candidate from the City of Auburn to fill the vacancy on the Parks Commission.

10. Announcements: