

**AGENDA: Parks Commission**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

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

1. Approve/Correct Minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting.
2. We had no resolutions for March.
3. We have no resolutions for April.
4. Emerson Park:
  - A. The Agricultural Society would like to propose permanent storage structures for the gates and pens for the livestock that are currently stored behind the park maintenance building. Lindsey Gerstenslager will present plans.
  - B. CFA Grant for the Deauville Island improvements:
    1. TWMLA (landscape architects) will be submitting to OPRHP the design plans for the new pathway system and destination playground. They have estimated 4 weeks for approval response. Bidding for paving and playground construction will follow the approval process
    2. Park Programming Initiative: Biederman Redevelopment Ventures continues to collect data and market demographics for the programming plan. Incorporation of public and stakeholder input has been ongoing as well as requests for information following up on the sessions held in March.
  - C. The sluiceway excavation: the site has been sealed and closed until further plans and funding are procured.
  - D. The Ag Museum sewer pit: Installation is scheduled for April 22-24.
  - E. The new county website; the new Emerson Park page is being created and facilities module is being populated with our current inventory of rentable facilities.
  - F. Painting of the exterior of the Merry Go Round theater is being quoted.
  - G. The contract with H&J for the management of the Emerson Park Pavilion expires in 2021. The current extension and original contract was distributed to the Parks Commission following the March meeting. Input from the Parks Commission is requested.
5. Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
  - A. Insulating parts of the museum has begun. This is being completed by museum staff where possible.
  - B. County Fair/Big 6: See 4 a
  - C. Museum Parton/Staff/Volunteer Recognition Outing will be Wednesday, June 12 Mark Your Calendar
  - D. June 1, 2019 Old Ways Day at Museum 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
6. Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):
  - A. Review and approval of Sterling Nature Design Proposal.
  - B. We have created a page on the Sterling Nature Center site featuring the plans and a brief overview of the project goals.
  - C. A grant application has been submitted to the Northern Border Regional Commission for funding for architecture and engineering plans for the new Sterling Nature Center.

7. Owasco Flats:

- A. A parks department "Road Closed" sign that was placed onsite in 2018 for use during some material hauling/dredging completed by DOT has been put out at the entrance to the site recently by others not employed by Cayuga County. The sign has since been removed.

8. Trail Update:

- A. The Auburn Fleming Trail: maintenance requests are being managed on an as needed basis.
- B. The Cato-Fair Haven Trail: The Oswego Valley ATV club has contacted the parks department and committed to performing the trail maintenance as outlined in our agreement. Surveys of trail conditions will be performed throughout the year to ensure compliance.
- C. Cato Brutus Trail bridges: DEC and Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted to update and extend permits and plans for both sites. 2 vendors have provided opinions on cost effective bridge designs to complete this section of trail. Based on these options a design will be selected for quoting the project. The Cato Trail Blazers Snowmobile club has offered to financially support this project if funds are needed.

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: