

Minutes: Cayuga County Parks Commission
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 6:30 PM
Location: Parks & Trails Administrative Office, Emerson Park

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Aileen McNabb-Coleman, J. DeForest, D. Dello Stritto, Connie Reilley, Susan Rusinko, Kristina Sherman, Jim Young

Excused: Brian Soper, Jean Saroodis

Other Attendees: none

1. Approve/Correct Minutes from the August 28, 2019 meeting.
2. We had no Resolutions for September.
3. We have 2 Resolutions for October:
 - A. AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL “H” PROJECT NO. _____ CATO BRUTUS TRAIL BRIDGE C**
 - B. AUTHORIZATION TO FILL A VACANCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RETIRING: BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC, PARKS & TRAILS DEPARTMENT**
4. Emerson Park:
 - A. CFA Grant for the Deauville Island improvements:
 1. The contractor, landscape architect, Planning and Parks personnel met on 9/13 to review plans and schedule construction start. Contracting has been received and site work will begin the week of 9/23.
 - B. Park Programming Initiative: Biederman Redevelopment Ventures is planning an October release and public presentation of the Programming Plan.
 - C. Painting prep of the exterior of the Merry Go Round theater has started.
 - D. Pavilion Catering RFP; to be distributed in September.
 - E. The playground equipment adjacent to the Merry-Go-Round theater has been inspected and some suggested repairs have been made. Replacement is recommended.
 - F. 2020 Parks & Trails budget requested additions are as follows:
 1. The Assistant Parks Maintenance Supervisor position.
 2. Change of the Sterling Nature Center Director position from part time to full time.
 3. A request for \$25,000 for the Cato Brutus Trail Bridge C to be combined with 2019 budget funds.
 4. The purchase of a new dump truck to replace a 1997 flat-bed truck.
 5. The purchase of a new lawn mower.
 6. Replacement of 3 ATV's with UTV's.
5. Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
 - A. Planning for installing insulation and heating in the museum has begun. Funding was generously provided by the Fred L. Emerson Foundation and Theodore O'Hara.
 - B. Feedback, recap meeting for the Cayuga County Fair/Remember the Big 6 Picnic was conducted 9/9.
6. Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):
 - A. REDI estimated funding grant request for infrastructure projects at the Nature Center total \$1.8 million. Included; permeable parking lot, repair of McIntyre Rd. trail engineering (storm

water management). This is an 80/20 grant match if the project is approved by NYS and accepted by Cayuga County. Parking improvements and site storm water management were both elements included in Phase 2 of the new Sterling Nature Center building design.

- B. Based on the recommendation of the Parks Commission and The Friends of the Sterling Nature Center a budget request to change the Nature Center Director from part time to full time has been included in the 2020 Parks budget.

7. Owasco Flats:

- A. Millings have been transported and used to improve the access road conditions. Roadside mowing has been requested from the Highway department.

8. Trail Update:

- A. The Auburn Fleming Trail: millings have been transported to the north end (Dunning Ave) to address soft trail conditions.
- B. The Cato-Fair Haven Trail: an abandoned RV was removed from the trail, Highway is assisting with culvert clearing North of Cato, some illegal UTV use has been reported.
- C. Hojack trail – no report.
- D. Cato Brutus Trail bridges: we have included funds in the 2020 budget to complete Bridge C with the assistance of Cayuga County Soil & Water.

9. New Business

10. Announcements: