

Minutes: Parks Commission

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Location: Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum and Joseph F. Karpinski Educational Center

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm

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

Excused: Brian Soper, J. DeForest

Other Attendees: Tim Quill, David Gardner, Charlie Ripley

1. Approve/Correct Minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve: J. Young, 2nd Connie Reilley
2. We had 2 Resolutions for July:
 - A. **AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A 2019 CFA GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF BRIDGE "A" NORTH OF CHASE RD, TOWN OF CATO, ON THE CATO BRUTUS TRAIL AND CONFIRMING CAYUGA COUNTY'S INTENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDING RESOURCES TO THE PROJECT PENDING AWARD OF NEW YORK STATE CFA GRANT FUNDS**
 - B. **DECLARATION OF INTENT THAT THE CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE BE LEAD AGENCY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE EMERSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I PROJECT**
3. We will have 3 Resolutions for August
 - A. Authorizing the contracting of exterior painting of the Merry-Go-Round Theater
 - B. Authorizing the replacement of the roof of the Agricultural Museum, the Log Cabin building at the Agricultural Museum and the Park & Trails Department Administration building.
7/16 Emerson Park storm damage was reviewed
 - C. Replacement of the Cato – Brutus Trail bridge south of Jorolemon Rd. This resolution will not be submitted until an RFP is complete.
4. Emerson Park:
 - A. CFA Grant for the Deauville Island improvements:
 1. Bids for the project were opened on 7/8. The contract will be awarded for construction of the new pathway system to commence on or after August 19.
 2. Park Programming Initiative: Biederman Redevelopment Ventures is preparing the final Programming Plan documentation for preliminary review prior to final submittal due at the end of August.
 - B. Riparian buffer zones: site visit to be held prior to this meeting.
 - C. Painting of the exterior of the Merry Go Round theater has been awarded. Start date 9/1.
 - D. Pavilion Catering RFP; edits included in document distributed for review and submittal to the Legislature for approval.
 - E. July 3rd Parking \$7643. 2018:\$7680
 - F. July 19,20,21 is the Rotary Rhythm, Blues and BBQ Event on Deauville Island
 - G. July 27 the Cavern Club Beatles will be performing on Deauville Island to benefit the Auburn Education Foundation.
5. Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
 - A. County Fair/Big 6 Picnic 7/25-7/27 T. Quill provided a recap of the County Fair, he also noted the Ag Society Director had not been on the grounds during the event.

B. *The Fred L Emerson Foundation has approved a Grant of \$25,000 with a match from Ted O'Hara for \$15,000 for installing insulation and heating in the museum. Motion to accept the Donations: A. McNabb-Coleman 2nd J. Young, passed unanimously with thanks.*

6. *Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):*

A. *Lake levels are receding, bluff loss this year has been extensive.*

B. *The section of McIntyre road from the gate to the lake shore has suffered severe erosion with some washouts exceeding 5 ft. in depth. This damage was sustained during storm events in June, The Sterling Fire Department has requested the access be returned to drivable condition as an important access to the adjacent section of shoreline. DPW, Parks & Trails and the CC Soil & Water Conservation District are assessing options for repair.*

7. *Owasco Flats:*

A. *No report.*

8. *Trail Update:*

A. *The Auburn Fleming Trail: 4 mowing, trimming, trail surface maintenance requests fulfilled this month.*

B. *The Cato-Fair Haven Trail: no report*

C. *Hojack trail – deck replacement for the trail bridge closest to the intersection of Curtis Co-op and Sterling Station Rd. is being researched.*

D. *Cato Brutus Trail bridges: as mentioned in Resolutions, the Planning Department has assisted with submitting a CFA for a trail bridge on the Cato - Brutus trail. This is the 3^d bridge span on this trail necessary to complete the trail section.*

9. *New Business*

David Gardner –Director, Cayuga County DPW, suggested the “Cayuga Challenge” be created intended to invite hikers to hike all the Park & Trails Department Trails in the county and receive recognition for doing so. S. Rusinko: is this a single event or ongoing. D. Gardner: Ongoing. D. Gardner also suggested an Adopt a Trail program. Motion to support the development of these programs: S. Rusinko, 2nd A. McNabb-Coleman, passed unanimously

10. *Announcements:*