

AGENDA: Parks Commission
Wednesday, January 23, 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 December 3, 2018 meeting.
2. We had no resolutions for December or January.
3. 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.
4. Emerson Park:
 - A. CFA Grant for the Deauville Island Improvements:
 1. The RFP for the destination playground RFP that will be issued 1/21/19
 2. TWMLA (landscape architect) planning meetings began 1/18/19
 3. Biederman Redevelopment Ventures has been awarded the contract funded by the Fred L. Emerson Foundation to design a programming plan for Deauville Island and Emerson Park. Data is being collected and the plan will be completed by late summer.
 - B. The sluiceway excavation: awaiting Highway Department availability. Further construction funding is still being sought by the Planning Department for 2019.
 - C. The Ag Museum sewer pit: contracts have been awarded and we are awaiting the availability of the electrical contractor.
 - D. The new county website will be live as of 1/24/19. The functionality of online reservations for our shelters is currently being tested.
5. Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
 - A. The museum board is working on a Five and Ten Year Plan for Museum
 - B. The Festival of Trees runs thru the end January
 - C. The new Garage Exhibit is currently being wired.
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 50% complete with design meetings. Building design for current and future programming, sustainability, site selection and grant funding opportunities to build a new interpretive center are the core of the process.
 - 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 bridge: The Trail bridge was installed on December 6, 2018. All approach work was completed prior to 12/31/18. This was an extensive project due to the challenges of the site and complexity of the requirements. Our partners at the CC Soil & Water Conservation District were vital in the preparation of the site including 1000' of trail stabilization to make crane access possible, the construction of the bridge abutments to DOT specifications and crane site and abutment construction and stabilization. This section of trail is not in the 2018-2019 snowmobile trail inventory.

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: