

Minutes: Parks Commission

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 - 6:30 PM

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

Meeting Called to order at 6:35 pm

Present: J. DeForest, D. Dello Stritto, Connie Reilley, Susan Rusinko, Kristina Sherman, Brian Soper

Excused: Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Jean Saroodis, Jim Young

Other Attendees: Lindsey Gerstenslager

1. *Approve/Correct Minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting.*
2. *We had 2 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.*
3. *We have no resolutions for September*
4. *Emerson Park:*
 - A. *CFA Grant for the Deauville Island improvements:*
 1. *Mobilization will begin on or after Sept 8. Contractor is awaiting a signed contract.*
 2. *Park Programming Initiative: Biederman Redevelopment Ventures is preparing the final Programming Plan documentation for preliminary review prior to final submittal moved to late September.*
 - B. *Painting of the exterior of the Merry Go Round theater has been authorized. Start date 9/16.*
 - C. *Pavilion Catering RFP; to be distributed in September.*
 - D. *Great Race Parking \$2601. 2018:\$2382*
 - E. *July 27 the Cavern Club Beatles attendance: 1400. Parking: \$2467 (\$409 Fleming property).*
5. *Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):*
 - A. *2020 budget request has been entered*
 - B. *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.*
 - C. *Feedback, recap meeting for the Cayuga County Fair/Remember the Big 6 Picnic is being coordinated.*
6. *Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):*
 - A. *2020 Budget request has been entered.*
 - B. *Jim has been attending REDI meetings.*
 - C. *The Friends of the Sterling Nature Center have sent a letter outlining the need for a full time Nature Center Director as we further develop the new nature center building, seek funding and continue to expand programming. It was noted that we are moving into the construction document phase of the new Sterling Nature Center design phase with available funds and this important next step and the programming increase that will coincide will require more management resources from staff. Motion: To recommend*

elevating the Sterling Nature Center Director position from part to full time for the 2020 budget year. Motion by J. Deforest, 2nd B. Soper, passed unanimously.

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 – no report.*

D. *Cato Brutus Trail bridges: an RFP is created with the assistance of Purchasing to distribute for the Bridge C site between Jorolemon and Ditmar Rd.*

There was also a conversation about various promotional efforts that could be undertaken: social media, app based trails programs and adopt-a-trail programs.

The Parks & Trails Department would like to recognize the efforts of the Highway Department in trail mowing, culvert clearing and materials hauling that make all of the trail projects possible.

9. *New Business:*

L. Gerstenslager presented proposed shed structures to be located behind the Parks maintenance building for housing pens/fences that are currently stored in this area already.

Further discussion involved the explanation of the block grants available to entities to support Ag events. It was also explained that Agricultural Societies in other counties own fairgrounds and use the grants for buildings and infrastructure.

Motion to approve the placement of the storage sheds at a location approved by the Parks Maintenance Supervisor. B. Soper, 2nd Kristina Sherman, passed unanimously.

10. *Announcements:*