

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Osborne. Chairman, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present Daryl Landsgard and Marilyn Lenth. Absent was Larry Stone and Pam Vaske. Staff present was Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

Landsgard made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

MINUTES

Lenth made a motion to approve the Feb 4, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Landsgard made a motion to approve the claims, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Third Floor (update only)-

The board looked at the progress made on the 3rd floor.

2. Motor Mill Trail (update only)–

The pre-construction meeting was held yesterday. Representatives from the IDOT, Clayton County secondary roads/engineers, Fehr Graham, contractors and sub-contractors were in attendance. There were some concerns from Ryan Kipp of C.J. Moyna and Sons that the bid specs were incomplete in the file sent to him. Construction tentatively will begin in June or have a late start date of August.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider MyCountyParks Camping Rates Nov. 1, 2020- Nov. 1, 2022–

Pollock and Tucker Anderson met to discuss campground fees. To break even going with online registration we need to charge \$15/night. Pollock would like to see this for walk-in and online registrations. There are 40 sites between the six campgrounds.

Landsgard made a motion to raise the rate for all campground sites to \$15/night starting Nov. 1, 2020, Lenth seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Marketing Discussion --

- a. Consider Mediacom Commercial Partnership 2020

This partnership is between Fayette County and Clayton County Conservation. Each will pay \$2,500. Lenth made a motion to pay our share of the Mediacom partnership for one more year, Landsgard seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

- b. Consider Partnership for Video Promotion
Pollock shared with the board info on potential video promotions that she would like to do in FY21.
- c. Consider Partnership for Podcasts/ Historic Site Promotion
Pollock shared with the board info on potential podcasts that she would like to do in FY21.

3. Bloody Run Park Plan Discussion –

- a. Forestry Report
Pollock and Kenny Slocum met with Dave Asche, forester, to look over the Bloody Run management plan. Dave says area isn't ready to fully harvest but could do a select harvest. This would involve a lot of equipment possibly crushing young oaks coming up. The board decided to table this discussion until Pollock can have a logger or other professional come look at the area and determine how it could be done and get a good count on the trees that could be harvested.
- b. Fisheries Report
The middle section of Bloody Run Park took a beating during the last flash flooding event. Needs quite a bit of improvement in the campground and the bank of the creek. Pollock is going to ask Keppler Custom Hire if they would tear down the shelter house next time they are in that area and perhaps do some dirt work to smooth it out. DNR is working on a design for the creek bank that would be ADA accessible. This will cause the park to lose quite a bit of camping space due to the slope of the bank.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

March 19	OWLS: Osborne's Early Days	11am
March 20	Nature Kids: Eagles	10am
March 21	Motor Motor 5K	8am
March 27	Nature All Around Us: Painting with Abbey	6pm
March 28	Karaoke for Trails: Deb's Brewtopia	7pm

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

60 presentations were delivered to 1373 youth, 703 adults for 47 group hours. Welcome Center visitors for February included 16 groups and 19 individuals on the voluntary register.

Consider Donations: Carter House loom, plant donation, duck decoys. The board agrees with Pollock that there is no room for donations in the Welcome Center.

Consider aerial photo offer of Osborne Park facility: No photo will be purchased this year.

Disperse director evaluations: board members need to return evaluations to Kregel the 1st week of April.

ADJOURNED

Lenth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING April 14, 2020, 6pm, Osborne Conservation Center

