

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the January 19, 2023, Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in conference Room 4B of the County Administration Center. Attendance was as follows:

| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT | ALSO PRESENT |
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| Bob Harrison | X | | Mac Elliott, Jill Adams |
| Michael Majerek | X | | |
| Chokwe Pitchford | X | | |
| | | | Shelley Jasper |

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- o Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.
- o Attendance is reflected above.
- o Motion by Commissioner Majerek, supported by Commissioner Pitchford to approve the minutes from January 12, 2023 as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Adams provided her monthly report. Highlights included:

- **Resolution P2301132 – Silver Beach Center Overflow Parking**
Agreement to allow for Silver Beach Center overflow parking at Silver Beach County Park.
- **Budget Status Report and Report of Collections**
Parks and Recreation Budget Revenues for 2022 were \$1,102,183; which is 113% of amended revenue budget.
- **Silver Beach Concession Agreement Extension**
The current concession agreement expires September 30, 2023. Park Commission supports staff to work with current Concessionaire and extend the service agreement for an additional 3 years. The Silver Beach Master Plan, including Concession rebuild, is a priority item. Timeline for the Master Plan project is not yet known.
- **New Park Commissioner Orientation**
Park Staff is coordinating a van or bus tour of the Park System for the Spring. We would like to extend the invitation to County Commissioners. More information to come.
- **Spark Grant Update**
Parks applied for the Spark Grant to pay for the replacement of the aging playground at Silver Beach County Park. Application was submitted December 19, 2022. Award announcements are expected end of January. There will be 2 more rounds of the grant to follow. The first round received 480 applications, requesting a total of \$280 Million.
- **Paw Paw River County Park Development, Watervliet**
The MNRTF Grant application for a bridge to the 63 acres and development of a trail system was denied in December. The project received 300 points out of 500, and ranked 61st on the list of 100 projects. Park Commission supports staff to apply for DNR funding, or other funding, to focus on building the bridge from the island to the new land parcel this year.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Elliott discussed the various boards and subcommittee appointments that he will make. The consent calendar was reviewed.

Adjourned 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper,
Human Resources Director