Commissioner Tiedt called the meeting of the Osceola County Parks Finance Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. A prayer and the pledge to the flag was received.

Present: Commissioners Tiedt and Elkins. Absent/No Call: Commissioner Belden

Park Personnel: Carl Baumgras, Julie Homan, Rose Lake Park: Brian & Denise Robertson, Crittenden Park: Richard & Merry Cook

Others: Dee Van Horn – Meceola Human Trafficking Task Force

Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Tiedt to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Dee Van Horn presented information regarding a label program promoted by the Meceola Human Trafficking Task Force. She asked for permission to put stickers in the restrooms at both parks regarding people who are forced to sexual acts, work for no pay or little pay. Recommendation by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Tiedt to take this information request to the full Parks Commission on July 24th meeting for review. Recommendation carried unanimously.

Employee/Board Comments: none.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Tiedt to approve the minutes of June 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

a. The revenues and expenditures through July 10, 2018 for both parks were reviewed. The revenues to date were $202,426.37 and the expenditures are $109,145.04 and check book balances are $167,614.29. A current payroll report was reviewed on current employees and needs.

b. A certified letter was received regarding Rose Lake Park for encroachment issues. The Finance Committee discussed the need for Osceola County surveyor Bill Sikkema to survey the property in question at a cost of $200 to $500.00 and to go forward with this survey as needed. Table this item for all future meetings.

c. GLE has provided us ½ the value of a John Deere UTV Gator ($3425.00 has been paid) to be purchased with a grant. A price quote summary was presented on the purchase of a UTV’s at Rose Lake park. The Finance Committee discussed the bids and conditions of the grant and how the money can be spent. Communication with GLE is needed regarding the need for the UTV to be a Gator product or if the Kawasaki or Kubota could be purchased and review this information at the next Parks Commission meeting.

d. Projected projects reports were given. Table item for future meetings.

e. Five-Year Plan reports were given. Table item for future meetings.

f. Parks Policy reports were given. Table item for future meetings.

g. A report on the discounted veteran/military fees was given. Table item for future meetings.

New Business:

a. A $400.00 used 7 ½ HP leaf collector in LeRoy was discussed. The Parks Director will investigate the age and usage prior to purchase.

b. The 2019 budget preparation was discussed. The Parks Director would like input from staff and Managers regarding requests for personnel and products for the 2019 season.

Other Business: none.

Employee/Board Comments: the parks volunteer program was discussed, as well as the seasonal lottery, and pet issues.

Extended Public Comments: none.

Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Elkins to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Homan – Executive Secretary/Bookkeeper

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