

**CARBON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2021**

The December 10, 2021 meeting of the Carbon County Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the Carbon County Environmental Center beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present** – Thomas Wildoner, Chairman; Earl Henninger, Vice-Chairman; Richard Forgay II, Secretary; Robert Sikorsky, Member.

**Park Staff Present** – David Horvath, Park Director.

Commissioner Chris L. Lukasevich was also in attendance.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – Mr. Wildoner called the meeting to order and led the group in pledging allegiance to the American flag.

**HEARING OF VISITORS** – There were no visitors present for the December meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The board conducted their Annual Election of Officers for 2022. Officers elected are as follows: Thomas Wildoner, Chairman; Earl Henninger, Vice-Chairman; Richard Forgay II, Secretary. All board members were in favor.

**2022 MEETING DATES & LOCATION** – The board approved the following meeting dates for 2022: January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 08<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 08<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 09<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and December 09<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be held at the park office beginning at 10:00 a.m. All board members were in favor.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2021**– Motion made by Mr. Henninger to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2021 of the Carbon County Parks & Recreation Commission as written, seconded by Mr. Sikorsky. All board members were in favor.

**VOUCHERS/PURCHASE REQUISITIONS** – Motion made by Mr. Forgay to recommend approval of vouchers and purchase requisitions submitted for the month of November totaling \$38,394.22, seconded by Mr. Henninger. All board members were in favor.

**COMMISSIONER REMARKS** – Commissioner Lukasevich reported that the County is intending to advertise for bids for the operation of the Camp Store. Commissioner Lukasevich asked the board of their thoughts. The board was in favor of advertising for bids due to the lack of consistency with following the scheduled hours of operation as outlined in the concession lease agreement.

Commissioner Lukasevich reported that he was informed that the new PA System for the beach area should be arriving by the end of December.

Commissioner Lukasevich noted that Mr. Zuber was extremely pleased with the bench that was relocated to the Switchback Trail and thanked the park board and staff.

**PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ALONG LENTZ TRAIL** – The board held a discussion concerning a proposed subdivision involving four lots along the north side of Lentz Trail and potential plans for future development. Mr. Horvath stated that the Carbon County Planning Commission has not recommended approval of the subdivision plan and noted an ordinance issue regarding on-site sewage disposal systems. Mr. Horvath stated that the CCPC Zoning Ordinance Review noted that dwelling units with on-site

disposal must be built at least ½ mile away from the Mauch Chunk Lake and that the report indicated that the proposed subdivision lots are within the ½ mile buffer. Mr. Horvath reported that the Jim Thorpe Planning Commission meeting minutes indicate that the developer will be seeking a variance to allow for on-lot sewage disposal due to the inability of the Borough to provide sanitary sewer to the site. Mr. Horvath stated it is unclear as to why sanitary sewer cannot be provided.

## **PARK OPERATIONS –**

**Lights at the Lake** – Mr. Horvath reported that the traffic flow into and through the park for the holiday light display has been running smoothly. Mr. Horvath reported that there were a few minor issues on opening weekend with traffic due to the timing of the volunteers arriving after 5:00 p.m. and vehicles arriving early prior to the 6:00 p.m. starting time. Mr. Horvath reported that volunteers from Raising the House and the fire police began arriving earlier at 4:00 p.m. to address this. Mr. Horvath reported that weather has not been an issue thus far and the extended forecast is calling for milder temperatures. Mr. Horvath reported that Raising the House contracted with a KRE Security for traffic control at the exit. Mr. Horvath reported that local fire police have been handling the entrance. Mr. Horvath stated that he has received positive remarks about the quality of the displays.

**2021 Dam Inspection** – Mr. Horvath shared the 2021 Dam Inspection Report with the board members. Mr. Horvath reported that Shawn Wheeler, P.E. Senior Civil Engineer General with the PA Fish & Boat Commission inspected the dam on September 30, 2021. Mr. Horvath stated that the inspection report is submitted annually to the PA Department of Environmental Protection Division of Dam Safety. Mr. Horvath reported that vegetation conditions on the crest and embankment will be monitored and repaired if necessary. Mr. Horvath reported that the inspection also notes woody vegetation along the left embankment of the emergency spillway that needs to be cut. Mr. Horvath reported that some grading may need to be done on the downstream side in order to improve conditions for maintenance. Mr. Horvath reported that the inspection report notes that a conduit inspection of the sluice gate will be scheduled during the spring of 2022 due to lower pool levels observed during previous inspections. Mr. Horvath presented the dam inspection report for board member review.

Mr. Wildoner questioned whether the gate is operated annually at the time of inspection. Mr. Horvath stated that he believed the gate is operated annually, but was unsure if it is operated during the time of inspection.

**Park Maintenance** – Mr. Horvath reported that the concrete pads have been poured and formed at Boat Launch B. Mr. Horvath reported that a second kayak rack has been assembled.

Mr. Horvath reported that repairs were completed on the tractor and the remaining docks and fishing pier have been removed for the season.

Mr. Horvath reported that the Memorial Benches are scheduled to be delivered by the end of the month.

Mr. Horvath reported that space had to be created in the maintenance garage near the Extension Office for when the new boat arrives.

Mr. Horvath reported that the spreader and plows have been checked and the vehicles are ready for winter maintenance.

Mr. Horvath reported that there was a total of 24 boats placed into storage for the winter months.

Mr. Henninger questioned whether the improvements to the access road off Route 902 leading to the PPL project will remain following the transmission line tower replacements. Mr. Horvath stated that he believed it would, but would contact Tim Jackson to get clarification.

**Park Security** – Mr. Horvath reported that there are a few boats that still need to be removed from their mooring space. Mr. Horvath stated that he would discuss the matter with WCO Scott Christman.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITY REQUESTS** – There were no Special Activity Agreements submitted for the December meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Mr. Horvath reported that there was no correspondence for the December meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made at 10:45 a.m. by Mr. Forgay to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Henninger. All board members were in favor.

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Richard Forgay II, Secretary