

MINUTES OF THE LENAWEЕ COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

HELD OCTOBER 20, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gould at 6:30 p.m. at Ramsdell Park. Present were Park Commissioners, Gould, Bruggeman, Eisenmann, Flippo, and Hall.

Also present was Park Superintendent, Bruce VanWieren and Gaylord Herriman and Jody Shavalier from County Maintenance.

Upon motion made and supported, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The committee then proceeded to review the recommendations of Park Designer, Howard Deardorff and the plans and drawings prepared by Shaffer's Nursery for the stockade fence to be constructed between the caretaker's facility and the picnic shelter.

Thereafter, upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the fence would commence three feet South of the Southeast corner of the storage shed. Further, the angled portion of the fence would cross a point 22 feet West of the White Pine tree on a line from the White Pine tree to the Maple tree.


The committee is in hopes that Shaffer's Nursery will be able to have this project completed pursuant to plan before the open house on October 26th.

Upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the information bulletin board located South of the picnic shelter and the two White Pine trees located between the picnic shelter and parking lot be re-located as soon as a volunteer can be located to donate services for this purpose.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Dan R. Bruggeman,
Secretary



Lenawee County Parks Commission
126 E. Church St.
Adrian, MI 49221

RE: Ramsdell Park

Gentlemen:

You have asked me to address the question of the public perception that the Park is a private residence for the care taker and thus not an inviting area to visit and use. There seems to be a particular absence of use of the excellent picnic and outdoor shelter building.

First, if you will review our original drawings we prepared you will note that the walk way from the parking area to the picnic shelter was to be lined by plant material. This still needs to be done, however, before the planting, a fence should be constructed separating the care taker's house and maintenance garage from the public picnic shelter. If you are constructing a 3 board fence around the barn, I would suggest a similar fence between the residence and the public area. Then, plant material can be more easily established along the fence. This will create two driveways and two parking areas, one for the public and a separate one for the caretaker. This will clearly separate the care taker parking from the public area and greatly improve the park's image and welcoming appeal.

Second, if the public is to feel welcome, the area around the barn and picnic shelter is in great need of clean up. A public area cannot be strewn with boats, spare lumber, old equipment, junk, used trailers for sale and the like. All these items must be removed from the premises. The barn must be cleaned up inside and out, repaired and painted. The mulch pile in the parking lot must be removed.

LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
425 NORTH MAIN STREET
ADRIAN, MI 49221

October 27, 1997

Mr. Robert Doyle, President
Simplex Industries
801 West US-223
Adrian, MI 49221

Dear Mr. Doyle:

The rain and the wind and the wet ground were too much for the horses and the mules who planned to provide complimentary rides at the Ramsdell Park open house on Sunday, October 26th, however, for the hardy souls who did attend the open house and reception at the Park, the hot dogs, refreshments and drinks which your company graciously contributed to the event saved the day. The County Parks Commission is most grateful for your company's support of our Parks and Recreation Program.

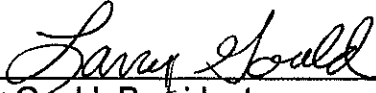
We do hope that your staff and employees will be able to arrange and enjoy a company picnic at the Ramsdell Park facility with horse drawn nature rides and hay rides in the future with the weather cooperating.

Our Livery Coordinator, Vivian Brighton, would be pleased to work with your company in organizing such an event and she can be reached at 517-448-8843.

Once again, thank you so much for your contribution and support to our park program and we look forward to having your Company at the Park in the future.

LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

By


Larry Gould, President

LG/js

CC: Lenawee County Parks Commission

MINUTES OF THE LENAWEЕ COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

HELD DECEMBER 8, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Gould, also present were Park Commissioners, Dan Bruggeman and Hugh Flippo. Also present was Maintenance Supervisor, Gaylord Herriman and Park Superintendent, Bruce VanWieren.

Upon motion made and supported, it was,

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the October 20, 1997 meeting be approved.

Chairman Gould presented the bill of Bi-Centennial Park Superintendent Travis for one year's services of \$700.00 and upon motion made and supported, it was,

RESOLVED, That payment of this \$700.00 bill be approved and authorized.

The Committee discussed the continuing and increasing use of Bi-Centennial Park by the local soccer community and the committee will pursue the possibility of constructing a second shelter and a second soccer field at Bi-Centennial Park. In that regard, care should be given to tile drainage for any new field tying into the existing tile drain on the premises.

Concerning Bi-Centennial Park, the Committee further noted that it is still necessary to set the tree identification markers authorized by the \$500.00 donation from Roto Plastics and Maintenance Superintendent Herriman is negotiating with the Adrian City Parks Department for shared use of their new sign router for these purposes before Spring time.

The Committee further noted an increase in the cost for portable toilet facilities for the parks and the committee directed that the maintenance supervisor take competitive bids for the 1998 season.

Dan Bruggeman reported that the committee had been contacted by Dr. Mike Herr, the local coordinator for the annual Horse-a-thon sponsored by the Lenawee Committee for Retarded Citizens as a yearly fund raiser. Dr. Herr would be interested in conducting the Horse-a-thon at Bi-Centennial Park so that the riders could complete their project without being out on the public roads. The Committee considered questions of parking and soil and trail conditions during wet weather and also questions of public liability. After further discussion, upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Committee would support the concept of the annual Lenawee Horse-a-thon at Ramsdell Park on an annual basis, provided that an alternate rain day be scheduled to protect the park trails and parking area from damage in case of rain or wet weather, and, further subject to the Committee

for Retarded People obtaining and presenting a proper liability insurance certificate for such a one day activity.

Chairman Gould reported that he had received inquiries concerning the possibility of sleigh rides at Ramsdell Park to compliment the summer horse drawn rides.

The committee also considered the possibility of facilities to allow for young people to fish at the Ramsdell Park pond.

Dan Bruggeman reported that he had obtained a commitment from local farmer Bob Beck to volunteer his services to upgrade and seed the horse exercise pasture at Ramsdell Park. Mr. Beck and Tom VanWagner from Soil Conservation Service have already inspected the site and completed preliminary stubble beating of the field, the project will be completed in the Spring and Fall of 1998.

Chairman Gould reported that Mrs. Bothwell may be interested in removing the two white pine trees at Ramsdell Park with a large tree spade and the committee will follow up on this inquiry.

Chairman Gould reported on the proposal of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever to construct a wetland habitat pond on approximately 4.5 acres at the Taylor Road Park property which project will also be coordinated with Tom VanWagner at Soil Conservation Service.

Thereafter, upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Committee approve the construction of the wetland habitat pond at the Taylor Road Park property with the understanding that this pond shall be for habitat and not for hunting purposes and that the project be coordinated with the local soil conservation service and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Region II Planning, pursuant to the County's current recreation plan and the Secretary will forward letters to interested parties in this regard.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary

LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
425 NORTH MAIN STREET
ADRIAN, MI 49221

December 9, 1997

Dr. Mike Herr
1898 West Maumee Street
Adrian, MI 49221

RE: Annual Lenawee County Horse-a-thon

Dear Mike:

The Lenawee County Parks Commission considered your proposal at a meeting on December 8th and approved your organizations use of the park for the Horse-a-thon with two requirements, first, that the Horse-a-thon schedule an alternate rain day so that if the grounds are so wet that the trails would be damaged and the horsetrailer would be stuck in the parking area, that the event would be changed to a later date when soil conditions would permit your activity.

Second, the parks commission has made inquiry concerning liability insurance and it is our understanding that companies are available who can provide a liability policy to be issued on a one day or weekend basis at a very reasonable rate and your organization's use of the park for the Horse-a-thon would be subject to obtaining and presenting a certificate of such a short-term liability coverage.

The Committee will be pleased to continue to work with you to schedule this worthwhile event at the park and you may contact me at your convenience as we proceed.

Yours very truly,

LENAWEE PARKS COMMISSION

By _____
Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary

DRB/js

CC: Parks Commission

**LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
425 NORTH MAIN STREET
ADRIAN, MI 49221**

December 9, 1997

Mr. Tom VanWagner
Lenawee Soil Conservation Service
1100 Sutton Road
Adrian, MI 49221

RE: Taylor Road Park

Dear Tom:

Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever have proposed the construction of a habitat wetland of about 4.5 acres at the County's Taylor Road Park property with the understanding that this pond construction would be coordinated with your office and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Region II Planning which coordinates the County's Park and Recreation Master Plan.

It is our understanding that Bill Daub, with whom you are familiar, has worked up some preliminary plans and proposals concerning the wetland.

We look forward to your proposals and assistance in this effort.

Yours very truly,

LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

By _____
Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary

DRB/js
CC: Parks Commissioners
Region II Planning