

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/
RECREATION, FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
June 19, 2018**

PRESENT: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Ron Burns, Jerry King and Randy LaChausse, County Manager Ryan Piche, IDA Assistant Brittany Davis, Planning Director Frank Pace, Recreation, Forestry & Parks Director Jackie Mahoney and reporter Nick Altmire.

Legislator Burns called the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The following dockets were approved:

- 1-ATC application to purchase wheelchair van- \$53,551
- 2-Agreement w/JCC for curb-side advertising on Transportation Bus-\$480.00
- 3-Authorize Jackie Mahoney to travel to Massachusettes for conference 9/13-9/14/18
- 4-SEQR MWF Adirondacks trail and add to ATV Trail System in Town of Diana
- 5-Agreement w/Bark Eater Events, LLC for Peak 2 Brew event on 8/10/18

Legislator Burns made a motion to propose a resolution to set a public hearing for 8/7/18 for comments on an \$850,000 CDBG application for housing rehabilitation for owner and renter occupied housing units in Lewis County, seconded by Legislator King and carried.

Recreation, Forestry & Parks Director Jackie Mahoney reviewed her monthly report (attached).

Board Chairman Larry Dolhof inquired about the on-line ATV permit process. Jackie said that applications are on-line but the stickers must be mailed to applicants. In the meantime, the certified application can be used as proof of permit.

Jackie reported year-to-date permit sales are \$8,000 over last year at this time. She will provide the out-of-state permit numbers at the next meeting.

The Forestry revenue receipts are double the appropriated amount. The surplus is deposited in the County general fund and cover taxes on County properties.

The bids for well drilling at Singing Waters have been advertised and will be opened at the next meeting on 7/17/18. Ryan Piche relayed speaking with Senator Griffo's representatives and is quite sure the DASNY grant will be approved. Jackie will meet with NYS Dept. of Health officials on 6/20 to confirm their regulatory requirements for the Singing Waters project.

Memo

TO: Ryan Piche, County Manager
Recreation, Forestry & Parks Legislative Committee

- Ron Burns, Chairman
- Jerry King
- Randy LaChausse

CC: Cassandra Moser, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Terry Clark, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Jackie Mahoney, Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks

DATE: June 19th, 2018

SUBJECT: June 2018 Committee Report (Meeting 06/19/18 @ 8:30 AM)

Docket Items

- Resolution to allow Jackie Mahoney to travel to Holyoke Massachusetts for an OHV Advisory Committee meeting to present on September 14th regarding the Lewis County ATV Trail System.
- Resolution regarding SEQRA review of the MWF Adirondacks LLC trail areas to be added to the Lewis County ATV Trail System and declaring no significant impact in the Town of Diana).
- Resolution to incorporate MWF Adirondacks LLC property into the Lewis County ATV Trail System.
- Resolution to renew the contract for the Peak to Brew race

Employees

Marcus Fruin will be our second BOCES Student for 300 hours through Careers Here. Marcus and Seth Miller will be starting on June 25th.

SCORP – State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

I update the facility file for Singing Waters Park and added facilities for the County Multiuse trails. The new facilities include the Worth, Forks-Factory, Culpepper, Cronk, Middle, North South, Fowler, Wildcat, Rail Road, and the Rail Road Easement Trails. The survey did not ask anything about ATV trails but I added them in the Note section on the end of each report with a total of 36.2 miles of Multiuse trails including ATV. I did not update the Fairgrounds as I do not know the extent of the facility, but I forwarded the information to Doug Hanno for completion.

Massachusetts OHV Advisory Committee Meeting

I have been invited to present at the Massachusetts OHV (Off Highway Vehicles) Advisory Committee Meeting on September 14st in Holyoke Massachusetts. They would like me to give a 90-minute presentation with a 15-minute Q&A regarding the challenges and benefits of our OHV trail system.

Snowmobile

The Close out of the 2017-2018 year has not been approved yet so the 30% payment (\$80,759.90) and the payment voucher has not been received. I have been busy preparing the Phase I Application for the 2018-2019 Snowmobile Trail Grant to OPRHP (Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical

Preservation). The Phase I includes any reroutes, new trail requests and any updated GPS data. We had one new trail request for the Brantingham Snomads and one reroute request for the Osceola Snowmobile Association. I also had 9 trail GPS updates for the Barnes Corners Sno Pals, so it has been a lengthy process. Everything has been submitted and we will wait for OPRHP approvals.

Lewis County Apps

I have had no time to update the App layers but I have had requests to update the ATV layer.

DASNY GRANT _ SINGING WATERS

The Septic permit from the Town of Greig was acquired on June 7th and I provided Ryan with the requested information. The RFP for the well drilling bid will be opened at the July Committee meeting on July 17th at 8:30 am. I have attached a copy for your review.

ATV

The May ATV Round Table Meeting was held on May 14th at the Lewis County Search and Rescue. There were 17 people present. Robert MacKenzie from Lewis County Emergency Management Office presented a Drug Paraphernalia training, and stressed the importance of safety gear. This helped the people attending to recognize the danger of Meth Paraphernalia and know the proper procedure to report it and to avoid touching it due to the volatile nature. (meeting minutes are attached). The June ATV Round table meeting was cancelled but the July ATV Round table meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 5pm at the Lewis County Search and Rescue,

The May ATV Permit Report is attached. There were 478 permits for \$18,555 and 110 three day passes for \$2200 sold with donations of \$160 and \$1405 of reimbursements to the Clubs. Compared to last year we are up 153 permits and 98 passes and \$8,158.22. I do feel that some of this may be due to Paige processing the ATV Permits in such a timely fashion this year but I hope we continue to grow our ATV Permit holders and expand out ATV Trail System. Having the additional Clubs involved has helped and I am very happy with their involvement.

ATV Trail Agreements

The Black River Valley Riders ATV Club (Carthage), the Black River Valley Four Wheelers ATV Club (Brantingham), the Highmarket Wheelers, the Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Tug Hill Wheelers and Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association have returned the 2018 ATV Club agreements.

Forestry

The 3B Timber harvest in Lyonsdale on the North South-Moose River Road has been put on hold due to the market for pine decreasing. 3B has a two-year contract and has agreed to level all trails and clean up the landing now. We have received \$51,948.16 to date on this harvest and we are currently over budget \$17,360.66

Events/Important Dates (ATV Club Events see ATV Round Table Minutes)

NOHVCC Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI - August 14-18, 2018

OHV Advisory Meeting, Holyoke Massachusetts – September 14, 2018

Tyler Munis Financial System Budget Reports

#6410-Tourism, #7141-Snowmobile Trails, #7989-Trail Program, #7990-Trail Maintenance, #8711 Reforestation Year-To-Date Budget Reports are attached.

ATV Round Table Meeting 5/14/18 – 17 people attended the meeting

We started the meeting with Robert MacKenzie from the Lewis County Emergency Management Office presenting a Drug Paraphernalia training regarding the identification and handling of Meth paraphernalia. Remember to call 911 and report it and let authorities handle it. Robert also stressed the importance of safety gear when out on the trails since he had recently had an accident while cutting out trees that resulted in the cast on his arm.

Kristen Aucter, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce introduced Paige Ward who will be the summer intern and will be taking over the ATV Permits until a replacement can be found for Emily. Jackie stated that the reimbursements would be sent to the clubs for review but that there was some errors and questions that did not get answered prior to Emily leaving but they would be resolved with the club's help. Mike Gille asked if next year the businesses could have tablets for the permits because the legibility on the applications are still horrific and that way they could take pictures of the registrations. We will consider options. Kristen has some ideas on getting the businesses a binder like the Edge set up to make things easier. Henry Bardo asked what was easier to process Online or businesses. Kristen said Online.

Marty stated that there is other insurance out there but the Black River Valley Four Wheelers went with NYSORVA. Mike Gille and Joe Onyon said they were going with the other option for now because when you consider the single/family fee on top that NYSORVA charges as well as the event insurance they feel it will be the same or cheaper in the long run.

Mike Gille brought up the Judge's decision on the Village of Constableville (see attached decision) that basically closed off the Village roads. Highmarket wheelers have requested the village roads be open for their one-day events this summer so there will be access for their poker runs.

Joe said that their Online store for THAATVA was going well, they are now taking credit cards with the square at events and it has allowed them to sell more. The online store takes care of the sales tax, they set it up and run it and the club gets their payment with no issues.

John Furness stated that he is still working on access in Oneida County but so far it has been a No. Mike Gille stated that he is also working on access in those areas.

Mike also mentioned that the Hideaway Trail had damage from the SNIRT run but they were very lucky that the landowner was not upset. Steps need to be taken to prevent issues with our landowners. Mike would like more input with the event planning, clearer maps and help barricading trails. Joe said the only other damage he heard of was the side of the Rector road and nothing on Gary's land across from Flat Rock. Leviker stated the post SNIRT meeting would be Friday at 1 pm at BCSP groomer barn. There were 4819 registered for the event. Gordon thought that a lot of people signed up then quit getting stamped and just rode. This year he stamped ~3300. He thought more stayed south if that is where they started. Doug thought less riders. Marty thought more people avoided it due to snow levels. Leviker thought there were less machines and more multiples riding together in UTVs. He would like to see if the registered people were drivers or riders. Other clubs said they ask that question on the waivers. Jackie reminded them that it was a BCSP event and we can just ask.

Jackie reminded the clubs to please have the club volunteers fill out the Volunteer Application and submit Club Time Cards at the next ATV Round table meeting

*****Please note the next meeting will be Monday, June 11th at 5:00 pm at the Lewis County Search and Rescue. *****