



**Village of Elberta Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2016**

Secretary Emily V. called the meeting to order at 7:05.

**Present:** Cathy A., Andy B., Emily V., Bill S.

**Absent:** Bill O., Michele C.

**Guests:**

**Liaison:** Bill S.

**Approval of March Minutes**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Cathy A.                      **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Andy B.  
**Ayes** All    **Nays** None    **Motion passed**  
**Changes** None

**Approval of April Agenda**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Andy B.                      **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Cathy A.  
**Ayes** All    **Nays** None    **Motion passed**  
**Changes** Deleted item 5, because dealt with under new business.

**Financial Secretary's Report Approval**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Andy B.                      **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Emily V.  
**Ayes** All    **Nays** None    **Motion passed**

**Notes:** Amended budget to reflect Commission's decision to roll in our \$4,000 EDNA Endowment disbursement rather than take it this year. Motion by Emily V., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy B. All ayes. Motion passed. Included in report is list of commitments we've made for this year totaling about \$9,000 if all come into effect. Brief discussion of whether the electrical in the Farmers' Market Pavilion ever got fixed. Was supposed to be fixed before last year's market opened. May decide to charge a utility fee to vendors who use outlets.

**Correspondence** Catalog. Received a photo card submission for Elberta Postcard Project from Ryan King

**Public Comment** None

**Committee Reports**

**Elberta Dunes South:** Discussion in Agenda

**Farmers' Market (Sue O.)** No report

**Beach** Beach looking gorgeous, deeper, no dropoffs and pretty much litter free. Cigarette butts should be made of something dissolvable, like corn foam

**Parks (Bill S.)** People were seen using the exercise equipment as intended; Bill fixed the merrygoround! six carriage bolts still to come.

**Elberta Historical Preservation:** Not sure what Bayside is charging. Signs still not finished. Hoping to get them done before the summer rush, which was the whole point of getting the stuff to them in March. Signs are supposed to last 10 years. Should start budgeting for the next signs now.

**Unfinished Business**

1. **Welcome to Elberta Sign** Emily will call Arcadia Bluffs
2. **Projector purchase options:** Proposed that we plan an event and then buy the projector. Need to research what movies we can get without paying royalty fees. B movie night Mystery Science Theater

- idea. Or show one movie and play a completely different soundtrack
3. **EDNA signs/EDNA kiosk location and work party (May 7; RD May 14)** Honor Lumber will deliver to location; 17 8 ft 2x4s, 2 12ft 4x4s and lots of deck screws. Cathy called MDOT about setback for M-22 EDNA sign but no response yet. Thinking composite for that sign. Discussed a couple of options for location depending on ease of digging; should be easily seen from parking lot as well as entrance to meadow trail. Discussion of mountain bikes: GTRLC had recommended no mountain bikes because of erosion. Concerned about having traffic like in the Sand Products property. Places on trail with high erosion, no way to step aside to avoid a bike. Decided not to allow bikes past the first big turn to the right. There's a nice loop down to the left.
  4. **SEEDS EDNA bench/platform.** Cathy and Sue and Ryan King walked the property March 18 with Steve Lagerquist of GTRLC and Bill Watson of SEEDS. Not sure which way bench will face. Closed with a railing on the Betsie Valley side. Platform will be about 10x12. Black locust. Another platform to redirect people from going down into the bowl. \$16,900 to build the platform and the bench all labor and wood. Need a soil erosion permit, a building permit, and a critical dunes permit. Motion by Emily 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy to authorize GTRLC and its staff to apply for necessary permitting for this platform on behalf of the Village. All ayes. Motion passed. Applied for and filed a Village of Elberta land use permit with Ken Bonney already.
  5. **Poop bag stand.** Discussion. EV thinks we should discontinue this practice as it requires constant vigilance by someone(s) (emptying and refilling poop bags) and we are short staffed; she is in favor of just having signs reminding people to clean up after their dogs without the bags. But we agreed to get one with a trash receptacle to put in the EDNA parking lot. GTRLC has some issue with putting a full size trash receptacle at EDNA parking lot. Motion by Emily, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy. All ayes. Motion passed.

New Business

1. **Bike racks** Need a concrete pad first at EFM (might end up putting two racks here). Will designate space during EDNA kiosk workday. Will look at racks, put one together to get a sense of size. Bill has flags. Lincoln. Fishing pavilion. Someone wants to put a GeoCache thing in the Waterfront park.
2. **Garlic Mustard disposal signs** Various GM materials received from Emily Cook and Cheryl Gross. EV received some science paper information from David Foote at GTRLC in support of the idea that GM interferes with mycorrhizae of various fungi, possibly including morels. Feed livestock with young plants before they've gone to seed. Andy will make a sign design.

Public Comment None.

Adjournment

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>**          Emily V.    **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Andy B.  
**Ayes**    All      **Nays** None.    **Motion passed**  
**Time:** 8:25