

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER SESSION – WORK SESSION

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 1:45 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Present at roll call: Messrs. Visser, Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiten, Messrs. DeJong, Rycenga, Baumann, Disselkoen, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (11)

Work Session Items:

- A. Marina at Historic Ottawa Beach Parks – John Scholtz, Parks & Recreation Director, gave a brief history on Park 12. The vision for the waterfront property was presented by Curt TerHaar.

John Scholtz feels now is the time to focus on the marina. An RFP for a study of the property was sent out. The bid was awarded to Ron Schults of Edgewater Resources, a marina developer and designer.

Edgewater Resources has been looking at the operation since spring with the first draft report presented to the Parks Commission a month ago. Their second report will be presented to the Parks Commission tomorrow. John stated they are still months away from making a recommendation.

A power point was presented by Ron Schultz addressing marina feasibility, cost and financial feasibility and the operations. He stated a marina could bring revenue return for the County. Slip could go for \$2,700.

Ted Bosgraaf, Parks Commission, thanked the Board for being a member of the Parks Commission for the last 12 years. He stated the Parks Commission is not making a recommendation until late 2012 and user fees would be paying for the marina not tax money.

The Administrator feels it merits looking at a study.

Public Comments:

Richard Goff, 479 Timberlake, Holland, stated there are currently 200 vacant boat slips on Lake Macatawa. He believes government is operating in an area they shouldn't be in.

Jim Smith, 303 Little Station Rd., Holland, stated Parkside Marina is restricted to one year leases and it's not a deep water marina. There are only eight slips in the deep water which would result in dredging expenses. If the County gets involved, they are not going to be able to fill all the slips at \$2,700 each. He stated this is not a destination marina that will draw people in.

Elaine Blouw, Parkside Marina, reported the marina was under township control when she took it over 30 years ago. She stated it is very difficult to make improvements and/or decisions with a year-to-year lease.

B/C 11-252 Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
Of the Board of Commissioners

PHILIP KUYERS, Chairman
Of the Board of Commissioners