

**KEWEENAW COUNTY PARK TRUSTEES
KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Park Trustees was held at 3:00 on June 9th, 2011 at the offices of the Keweenaw County Road commission.

Present: Trustees - Joe Waananen, Mark McEvers, Byron Muljo
KML: Dan Harri (GM)

Guest : Ernest Mooney, Don Pische, Donna Jaaskelainen

Motion by Waananen to accept minutes from May meeting, Seconded by Muljo

Motion passed unanimously.

County attorney Jaaskelainen requested the Chairman sign a quit claim deed to relinquish title, which is held by the Board of Park Trustees for the SW qtr of sec 31. T59N, R28W for the purpose of finalizing an agreement that the County is entering into with Verizon for placement of a cell phone tower on the parcel in question. County attorney Jaaskelainen had stated that The Board of Park Trustees cannot hold title to property as the initial reason to sign over the parcel. Trustee McEvers cited MCL 123.66 which states that a County Board of Park Trustees can hold title to property in trust for the County.

The Park Trustees asked if only the portion needed of the parcel could be signed over instead of the entire 160 acres. The answer was no.

Trustee McEvers asked if consideration of a portion of debt to the County General Fund for relinquishing this parcel could be given. The answer was no.

Trustee McEvers asked if consideration of a portion debt to the County EDC fund for relinquishing this parcel could be given. The answer was no. However, Commissioner Mooney did state that he would bring the issue up before his board.

Trustee McEvers informed the County attorney and present County Commissioners that this parcel was sought and acquired by actions from the Board of Park Trustees in 1940 as stated in past minutes. Relinquishing title to this entire parcel, when only a small portion is actually needed by the County could be considered as a betrayal of trust to the citizens of the County as this parcel was obviously acquired for the benefit of the Mountain Lodge and the Keweenaw County Parks in general.

Trustee McEvers asked if the request to relinquish the parcel in question needed to be a decision that was voted on by the County Board of Commissioners. The answer was no.

Trustee Waananen brought up the point that if the Mountain Lodge can use county property for the benefit of lodge operation, as is the case for the golf course, then why can't the same piece of property, having a tower on it, be used to benefit the lodge operation. No explanation was given.

Motion made by Waananen to have Chairman McEvers sign a quit claim deed. Seconded by Muljo.

Those in favor, Waananen, Muljo. Those opposed, McEvers.

Motion passed.

Attorney Jaaskelainen also brought up the issue of insurance on the Mountain bike trails that exist on the Mountain Lodge property. Her opinion is that the existing policy provided by The Copper Harbor Trails Club is not sufficient. She stated that the trails that cross lodge property have to be closed until a better policy can be obtained. The Park Trustees directed the GM to look into the issue.

- GM discussed details of the financial statement from May 2011.

- GM once again requested to present County Commissioners to have "read only" access to County bank funds to expedite process of preparing financials statements in a more timely manner.

- Motion made by Waananen to accept previous month's financial statement and approve bills as presented. Supported by Muljo.

Motion passed - unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Park Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark McEvers, Park Trustee