**ALABAMA HISTORIC IRONWORKS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**August 15, 2021**

The Alabama Historic Ironworks Commission (AHIC) met Sunday August 15, 2021 at the Event Center at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park. Chairman Doug Behm called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Members present were: Doug Behm, Jeremy Wright, Johnny Curry, Martin Everse, Stacy Hathorn, Jack Bergstresser, Jim Day, Wilton Price, Jerry Pow, Clarence Nevels, Josh Dyer

Staff members present were Lisa Carroll and Brian Smith

Visitors present Kim Hanson, Melissa Hanson, Jeff Rozycki, Elvis Leniger, Tim Dunn

Doug Behm asked that Jerry Pow serve as Parliamentarian

Wilton Price gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jerry Pow moved that the minutes from the February 28, 2021 be approved. Jim Day seconded. All approved.

**Public Comment:**

Kim and Melissa Hanson spoke on behalf of their business. They stated that on July 2021 Trade Day they were banned for a year for driving in a restricted area. They said that they were not aware of the rule and felt it was wrongly enforced. Kim Hanson said she spoke to Parks Superintendent Lisa Carroll several times and that she was rude and unhelpful. Lisa Carroll stated that she did talk to them on the phone multiple times and told them that the rule is properly enforced and they were given the proper paperwork with stated rule. Commissioner Jeremy Wright stated that the Commission gives Mrs. Carroll the authority to enforce the rule and it was not going to change.

Jeff Rozycki spoke on behalf of B.U.M.P. This organization manages the bicycle trails at Tannehill. He was introducing himself to the Commission and offered his assistance if needed.

**New Business:**

Doug Behm mentioned an update on the ADA compliance lawsuit. We are awaiting a response from the plaintiff’s attorney. Lisa Carroll presented the Fall rules and copies of the Camping Regulations. Changes to the regulations were presented as following:

A camping unit is allowed to stay only (14) fourteen days in a (21) twenty-one-day period with the exception of September 1st through October 31st.   
The 14 days move policy begins November 1st unless otherwise specified by the Park Administration. Campers must contact the camper registration office before a move to make sure that a campsite is available.

Jeremy Wright motioned to approve the date change of moving campsites and Johnny Curry seconded. All approved.

Commissioner Johnny Curry noticed that the age of renting a campsite is the age of 21. He motioned for it to change to: Must have a valid form of identification and be at least twenty-one (21) years of age or be a member of the armed forces. Marty Everse seconded. All approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Facilities Committee:**

Jeremey Wright presented the facilities report and gave the following updates:

Brierfield

• Fixed 3 major water leaks

• Replaced main pool pump on swimming pool. Pool closes September 7, 2021. Will be covering pool for winter that week.

• Reset walking bridge

• New washing machine

Tannehill

• Drain fixed in Farley: Major drain that caused road flooding

• Edwards’s house repainted and rotten wood replaced

• Pioneer farm buildings with shake roofing replaced with metal roofing. Buildings leveled

and repaired rotten wood.

• Stewart bathroom remodeled

• Belcher upstairs floor and bathroom remodeled. Along with plumbing. Replaced with

PEX

Commissioner Wright also updated on the ongoing sewer lawsuit. He stated that a date had been set for August and things were progressing slowly.

**Finance Committee:**

Dr. James Day presented the finance report.

Dr. Day stated the balance of both the checking and savings account. He also mentioned the owed balances on all loans. Dr. Day stated that the park was in excellent financial shape. He In In repairs and maintenance, the sewer fees were cited. The sewer charges should decrease once Farley Field is tied into our main sewer system.

**Personnel Committee:**

Dr. James Day recommended on behalf of the Personnel Committee that they give Parks Superintendent Lisa Carroll a bonus of $5000.00 to be spread over 12 months beginning the first pay period in October 2021and ending the last pay period in September 2022. Dr. Day also stated that the State of Alabama is supposed to give a statewide employee increase the next fiscal year. Once that raise is posted they will revisit increasing her salary permanently. Chairman Josh Dyer mentioned that Lisa Carroll should have the control to give raises to the staff as she sees fit. Employee evaluations will be given and filed before raises are given and copies to be approved by Mr. Dyer. After discussion, the committee recommendation was adopted unamiously.

**Long Range Committee:**

Josh Dyer stated that the current long-range plan that is in place focuses on horse trails. He cited that with a new director in place a new long-range plan needs to be formed. He would like to proceed with getting a committee together and having an open forum to discuss where the park needs to go including the additional land that was acquired by Forever Wild that the Commission will manage.

**Legislative Committee:**

No report

**Museum Committee:**

No Report

**Next Meeting will be in person on October 10, 2021**

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:45p.m.**