



Property Committee Agenda
Room 400, Government Center

Thursday, August 4, 2005
3:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Chairman's Approval of Minutes – July 7, 2005
3. Departmental Matters:
 - A. William Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation
 - 1) Items to be Presented for Action:
 - a) Request Approval of an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Adopting and Enacting Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Public Use of all County Parks and Recreational Areas
 - 2) Items to be Presented for Information:
 - a) General Report
 - b) Other
 - B. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management
 - 1) Items to be Presented for Information:
 - a) Status Report on Old Courthouse Fire
 - b) Update on Jail Roof Replacement
 - c) General Report
 - d) Other
 - C. John Zeunik, County Administrator
 - 1) Items to be Presented for Information:
 - a) General Report
 - b) Other
4. Other Business and Communications
5. Recommend Payment of Bills and Transfers, if any, to County Board
6. Adjournment

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC USE OF ALL COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, the County of McLean has enacted ordinances pertaining to the public use of McLean County Parks and Recreational Areas, and,

WHEREAS, By County ordinance section 35.14-1 "No person shall swim, wade or bathe in any portion of the body of water known as "Evergreen Lake" except at F. Russell Glasener Beach." and;

WHEREAS Section 35.14-2 limits scuba and skin diving in Evergreen Lake; and

WHEREAS Maintenance of public property, and search and recovery training are not currently permitted by Section 35.14-2; and

WHEREAS, Special events including but not limited to triathlons and open water swims require greater swimming distances than are available at F. Russell Glasener Beach, and;

WHEREAS Evergreen Lake is uniquely suited to special events including but not limited to triathlons and open water swims, and;

WHEREAS Public safety requires reasonable requirements and conditions be placed upon organizers and participants or special events which use Evergreen Lake, and;

WHEREAS The Director of the McLean County Department of Parks and Recreation, as appointed representative of the County Board is well positioned to evaluate proposed special events, impose reasonable requirements for the special events and to issue permits for such events. and,

Now therefore, McLean County Ordinance section 35.14.1 and section 35.14-2 are amended as follows.

35.14-1 No person shall swim, wade, or bathe in any portion of the body of water known as "Evergreen Lake" except at F. Russell Glasener Beach. Swimming in "Evergreen Lake" may be authorized as part of a special event pursuant to a permit issued by the Director of the McLean County Department of Parks and Recreation. Said permit shall impose reasonable requirements to protect the public health.

35.14-2 No person shall scuba or skin dive in Evergreen Lake, unless such diving is for the purpose of recovering property, maintaining public property, or training of search and rescue teams and prior written permission is granted to parties by the Director of the McLean County Department of Parks and Recreation, an appointed representative of the County Board; or such diving is for the purpose of emergency rescue and recovery required due to the declaration of an emergency condition by either the Director of the McLean

County Department of Parks and Recreation, the McLean County Sheriff or their authorized representatives.

This amendment shall become effective and in full force upon adoption. Adopted by the County Board of the County of McLean, Illinois, this 16th day of August 2005

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Michael F. Sweeney,
County Board Chairman

Peggy Ann Milton, Clerk of the McLean
of the McLean County Board



July 18, 2005

Bill Wasson
Director of Parks and Recreation
McLean County Department of Parks and Recreation
13001 Recreation Area Dr.
Hudson, IL 61748

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your time and cooperation with us in the planning of the proposed Triathlon at COMLARA County Park. Our goal is to conduct a world class Triathlon on July 22, 2006, and your help is greatly appreciated.

This is a request to use the facilities at COMLARA County Park on July 22, 2006, for the proposed triathlon. Specifically, we are requesting the use of the Main Recreation Area, which is where the majority of the activities will take place, as well as the use of the shelters and surrounding areas. The event organizers will be responsible for contacting local residents impacted by the event.

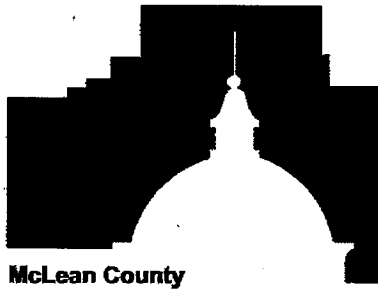
We would appreciate approval as soon as possible so that we may publicize the event, as well as get the Triathlon on the calendar before other communities and organizations.

On behalf of the Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Bloomington-Normal Area Sports Commission, thank you very much for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt Hawkins'.

Matt Hawkins
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TO: Honorable Chairman and Members, Property Committee

FROM: Bill Wasson, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: 07/26/05

RE: General Report

Parks Usage – YTD as of 07/26/05

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<u>Camping Nights</u>	4883	5347	5197	4262	5278	4656	4623	4877
<u>Watercraft Registration</u>								
Annual	1057	924	950	1269	1307	1076	1365	1331
Daily	229	205	183	312	340	262	299	366
<u>Boat Rental</u>								
½ hour Paddleboat	371	411	383	447	473	469	390	428
Hourly Canoe	252	274	251	345	349	395	425	508
Rowboat	159	143	111	183	236	183	225	157
Sailboat	30	30	20	38	71	56	82	97
Daily Canoe	55	74	56	78	87	71	66	136
Rowboat	106	101	125	126	126	78	115	207
<u>Shelters Reservations</u>	95	82	67	70	54	45	50	47
<u>Equine Registrations</u>								
Daily	74	9	10	67	60	90	1	
Family	1	1	1	1	1			
Individual -annual	5	2	5	2	6	1	2	
<u>Beach</u>	5329	4099	4609	5423	5671	4487	6096	6112

ADDITIONAL PARKS ACTIVITIES

July 5	Hosted Bloomington P&R Day Camp	102 participants
July 9	Hosted Peddling for Kicks Bike Ride Meal Stop	300 participants
July 16	Ice Cream Social	320 attendees
July 18-29	Host Normal P/R Ecology Camp	35 participants
July 19	Hosted Fishing Tournament	
July 20	Hosted Bloomington & Normal P&R Day Camps	187 participants
July 28	County Government Picnic	333 registered