

Chikaming Township Park Board

Minutes of the November 29, 2010 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Sims at 7pm. Members Present: Bernie Abendshein,

George Swanson, Rich Sullivan, Ruth Madgzinski(at 7:10). Brad Williamson and Dan Buckenmeyer not in attendance(Willilamson notified Sims he might not be there.)

Approval of Agenda as presented.

Presentation by Paula Bartholome for a local growers group- Shore of Plenty - representing local farmers, gardeners, foodies, etc. who want to use Harbert Community Park for a Farmer's Market on Saturdays, May 7-October, 2011. They would potentially have 15 vendors using the back of their pickup trucks for staging with tables for service. They are requesting the grassy space between Red Arrow and the park road from 8am-2:30. They would advertise and have signage and would like a trash can. They would like the pavilion on occasion for electricity and potential programs. Questions arose re liability insurance, the location near the playground and parking.

The October Minutes were approved with the addition of \$1,875 as the amount donated by the Harbert Business Association. They will be sent to the Township.

Correspondence - Sims read a letter to Mr. Beidler from Jeanne Dudeck regarding the expansion of Cherry Beach and that the township is not going to proceed with the expansion at this time. Request was made to work with the Township on a Right of First Refusal and thanked him for his cooperation.

A letter from Jeanne Dudeck to Attorney Hilmer re Townline Beach and the approval of the terms set down by the Gordon Beach Homeowners Assoc. from both the Chikaming Park Board and the Township Board.

Copies of Insurance claims for downed trees at Cherry Beach were received for \$4,100.

Treasurer's Report As of November 11,2010, the balance was \$15,559, with some \$8,000 in reserve. Outstanding bills are \$1,600 for the repair work at Pier St. platform, and almost \$10,000 for the skating rink equipment. Otherwise, everything is on target as budgeted.

Old Business

Beaches- Pier St. footings have been replaced by Bill Deetjen for \$1,600. Bruce Graham has been called re trimming trees.

Vault toilet at Townline - No decision was made, as Bernie will check on possibilities due to code restrictions for toilets near the water.

New signage can wait til spring.

Parks - CTP&P - New sign is being replaced for \$220 installed.

Check with Kirk re turning off water and raising drinking ftn will wait until spring as well.

Vault toilets have been pumped and Ruth has been opening gates, but will check with police about leaving them closed as of Dec. 1st. New doggie bags have been ordered.

Metal siding to replace woodpecker damage on pavilion. Who will check on it?

Sims will check with Tom Krieger re pulling logs out of dam area in lake.

Harbert Road Preserve - Work day completed new fencing, sign posts, brush cleared, autumn olive brush hogged and painted, bulletin board moved with Dan and Brad spearheading work.

Agreed to pay Dan, Brad, and helpers for some of their time for a total of approximately \$1,300.

Trail signs need to be ordered and attached to posts.

Harbert Community Park - Bernie checked with Michiana Fence re enclosing a small dog area within existing dog park for \$1,180 for 114 ft.-same style as present dog park - motion to go ahead carried. May get done this fall.

Skating rink is in the process with Mick Oldenburg leveling field and equipment arriving. Dave Heyn will work up schedule to support concessions and maintenance. Tom Krieger and team will assemble when all in.

Committee Reports - Five Year plan needs supplements before sending to DNR(new guidelines are out and will be reviewed)

Hike and Bike Trail - No news - signage in the works

Joint Community Boundaries Seminar - no report

Proposal to reprint brochures - George did a prototype in 4 color - cost is same as for 2 color online. suggestion to put brochures with trails, etc, on website. George will talk with township.

New Business- Discussion re Farmer's Mkt - Pk Bd supports project, location, insurance and parking needs to be determined.

Proposal from Pam Blough, park planner re master plan for HCP with and without the Glavin Property. Proposal outlines scope of services for \$5,104 to begin now. Motion to accept proposal by George and seconded by Bernie carried. Sims will contact her.

Discussion to set down a one-year plan for 2011 based on the 5-year plan to begin in January.

No Announcements

Pulbic Comments - No

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm

No meeting in December - next scheduled meeting January 24, 2011

Recorded by

Joanne Sims for

Dan Buckenmeyer, Secretary

November 30, 2010