



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, May 20, 2019

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting**

Monday, May 20, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Chikaming Township Hall
13535 Red Arrow Hwy
Harbert, MI 49115

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<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Jill Underhill, Arthur Anderson, Janet Schrader, Kathy Sellers and Shelly Taylor were present. Joseph Reed and Deborah Hall-Kayler were absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Item one was removed from "New Business."</p> <p>A discussion of Rotary Club trail signage was added to "Old Business."</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Taylor, to approve the meeting agenda with revisions.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding April meeting minutes.</p> <p>Taylor asked that the wording on page 3 regarding teleconferencing be corrected and "for" be changed to "to."</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Underhill, to approve the minutes of the April regular meeting as amended.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers presented the treasurer's report. She noted that \$387 was not yet accounted for.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>There was no correspondence.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>
<p>Brain Kern came forth to suggest that the Master Plan should contain a budget and action plan to restore damaged beach access points. He also shared an ABC news story that mentioned raising lake levels.</p> <p>Don Bridgeman came forth to ask about the plan for Harbert Rd. beach. He suggested that the old stairs be dug out. He also pointed out that the drainage has been diverted by whomever was digging out the stairs and it will need to be addressed before it further damage to the beach.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>

<p>There were no special presentations at this time.</p>	<p>Special Presentation</p>
<p>Harbert Beach – Underhill reported that the stairs will be retrieved and reattached as soon as the water level lowers enough for equipment to move the stairs down the beach.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing additional to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach – There was nothing new to report.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing additional to report.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Anderson had nothing additional to report.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Sellers reported that the access remains closed.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Anderson had nothing additional to report.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall was not present to report.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Hall was not present to report.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>The board discussed the facility use agreement.</p> <p>Sellers questioned if a fee has been determined yet and suggested that donations be sought.</p> <p>Underhill suggested that the wording be updated to, “A \$50 deposit is required. A voluntary donation will help the parks flourish.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Anderson, to approve the facility use agreement with the aforementioned wording.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>The board discussed painting the access railings to say the name of the beach. Anderson will coordinate with Josh to get the Cherry Beach railing painted.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, to accept Rotary Club of Harbor Country’s offer to help underwrite up to \$3,000 for trail signage at the Chikaming Park and Preserve subject to their receipt of a \$1,500 matching grant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p><i>It was clarified that the park board will not have to pay for the signage and the rotary club is seeking a matching grant. This statement has been revised to read:</i> Should Rotary of Harbor Country underwriting not fully pay for the trail signs at CTPP, then the remainder amount will need to come out of the Park Board budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REVISION CARRIED</p> <p>Taylor informed the board that she is attempting to coordinate with the high school so that the beach safety presentation on the same day as the middle school at a cost of \$600.</p> <p>Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sellers, that if the high school is able to have the presentation late on the afternoon of June 6th, then the Park</p>	

<p>Board will pay \$600 for the 8 hr. Great Lakes Search and Rescue riptide education.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>Anderson shared his proposal with the board to replace the 4 damaged signs on the prairie at the Chikaming Township Park and Preserve. He explained that the new signs will look the same and will be made out of metal.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Anderson, to approve \$527 to replace the four prairie signs at the Park and Preserve.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>Anderson explained to the board that the garden plots at the Park and Preserve have been experiencing an issue with too much shade during the afternoon due to nearby trees. He asked the board if they would approve him having the trees trimmed.</p> <p>The board agreed that the community gardens are a great asset and the trees should be trimmed. Anderson will get estimates and come back to the board for review if it is an expensive project.</p> <p>The board was informed that former member Joe D’Angelis had recently passed away and his nieces would like to do something for the park in his memory. It was suggested that landscaping around the community gardens could be dedicated in his memory.</p> <p>Underhill suggested that small signs be placed the entrances of Harbert Community Park closer to the road to better indicate the entrance to the park.</p> <p>Schrader suggested that park catalogs be reviewed to see if there are less expensive entrance sign options.</p> <p>Sellers stated that she feels \$500 or less for two signs and installation is a reasonable cost.</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve \$500 for two signs, including installation, at Harbert Community Park.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>Fran Wersells informed the board that she and Josh removed the rubber boat from the beach access.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Sherry Curry was acknowledged for her efforts putting together a successful dog park event with at least 50 dogs in attendance.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>

Monday, June 24, at 6:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING