



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2020

Chikaming Township Park Board Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting

Monday, February 4, 2020 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: Deborah Hall-Kayler, Jill Underhill, Janet Schrader, Arthur Anderson (via teleconference), Joseph Reed, Kathy Sellers (via teleconference) and Shelly Taylor were present.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Hall added mention of the township minutes to the agenda. She also added discussion of an email correspondence from John Carl.</p> <p>Moved by Taylor, seconded by Schrader, to approve the meeting agenda as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>There were no public comments at this time.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding regular meeting minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Taylor, seconded by Schrader, to approve the preceding January 6th meeting minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p>
<p>Sellers presented the treasurer's report. She explained the current financial situation around the Harbert Community Park project and specified how the reimbursements will take place for the grant funding. After reimbursement Sellers calculated that there will be \$9,446.07 remaining in the fiscal year.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Hall acknowledged Josh Higgins for his great work in his new position with the ice rink.</p>	<p>Acknowledgements</p>
<p>Charles Hoffman wrote to the board to suggest making life jackets available to visitors to the beach. He also encouraged clarification around the term "Rip Current."</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>

<p>Joelle Regovich, with Abonmarche, provided the board with two different grant proposals that would need to be voted on next month.</p> <p>Jocelyn Verlee wrote to the board volunteering her assistance with Celebrate Chikaming.</p> <p>Marcy Hamilton shared a grant opportunity focused around coastal planning. Schrader suggested this go to the township and planning commission for review and input.</p> <p>John Carl wrote to the board regarding business on the beach. Schrader suggested that this also go to the township for review.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Taylor, that the Park Board recommend that the township create a coastal management plan because it is not the Park Board’s jurisdiction.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>Schrader thanked the board and taxpayers for allowing her to attend the MParks Conference. She stated that the conference had over 100 classes to attend with most being designed for park managers. She observed that the MTA conference would likely be a better event for board members.</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that during the conference it became obvious that the Park Board needs a director. There were many students with management degrees in attendance at the conference. She added that she was able to test the artificial skating rink and it was incredible. Schrader suggested that the board consider hiring a consultant to better help plan and manage the board’s growth.</p>	Special Presentation
<p>Harbert Beach – The beach access is currently closed. Cherry Beach – The overlook and beach access are currently closed. There was nothing additional to report. Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing additional to report. Miller Beach – There was nothing additional to report. McKinley Beach – There was nothing additional to report. Townline Beach – Anderson had nothing additional to report. Pier St. Beach – Sellers reported that the access remains closed. Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – There was nothing additional to report. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall had nothing additional to report. Harbert Community Park – There was nothing additional to report.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports
<p>Hall informed the board that the 5 year plan was approved.</p> <p>Hall informed the board of a grant extension to complete the planting at Harbert Community Park.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that one bid was received for the grounds management contract from TDK. The proposal added Lakeside Park to the list of properties under management. The proposed agreement is for a term</p>	Old Business

<p>of 2 years at a cost of \$24,000 annually including snow removal but not including storm damage.</p> <p>Schrader requested that the board be notified prior to the steps being sealed.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Reed, to approve TDK’s 2 year bid. CARRIED</p>	
<p>It was discussed that a beach access committee be formed to better manage issues at the access points. Hall appointed Schrader, Joe Cipek, and Brian Kern to the committee. Schrader suggested that either the police department or fire department be approached to add someone to the committee so that emergency access can be addressed.</p> <p>A Celebrate Chikaming Committee was formed with Hall and Sellers.</p> <p>Schrader requested that Josh Higgins include his hours on his reports.</p> <p>Hall reminded the board that it is an election year. She expressed that it is her feeling that being the chair is a full time job. She informed the board that there are many things to consider as responsibility grows such as dissolving the board and hiring a full time employee. Schrader stated that she believes in an elected board with more of an advisory role.</p> <p>Hall appointed Schrader to the Cherry Beach 100th Anniversary Celebration committee and to the Mountain Bike Trail committee.</p>	New Business
<p>Charles Hoffman was present to express his desire that there be safety jackets at the beaches. He added that the township website incorrectly refers to a “rip current” as a “rip tide.” Schrader suggested that a photo of a safety jacket be added to the website for spring.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M. CARRIED</p>	ADJOURNED
<p>Monday, March 23, at 6:30 P.M.</p>	NEXT MEETING