



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, June 25, 2019	
<p>Chikaming Township Park Board Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting</p> <p>Monday, June 25, 2019 6:30 p.m. Chikaming Township Hall 13535 Red Arrow Hwy Harbert, MI 49115</p>	
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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, Arthur Anderson, Janet Schrader, Kathy Sellers and Shelly Taylor were present. Joseph Reed was absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Taylor, to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	AGENDA APPROVED
<p>Motion to approve preceding May meeting minutes and June Special Meeting minutes.</p> <p>Hall requested that the wording with regards to the Rotary signage proposal be clarified to read that the Park Board is not responsible for funding or for the matching grant.</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the May regular meeting as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the June 5th special meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers presented the treasurer's report. She noted that \$6,377.71 worth of bills have not been accounted for yet as of 6/12. The account balance is currently \$103,251.41.</p>	Treasurer's Report
<p>Township Supervisor David Bunte corresponded with the board. He informed the board that there have been several calls to the township about the beach access points. He asked that the board members hold each other accountable to accomplish repairs in a timely manner.</p> <p>Underhill then shared her plan to repair the stairs at Harbert Beach. She stated that she has been working with Todd Taylor and Dave Rudolph to</p>	Correspondence

<p>coordinate how to move the stairs from Cherry Beach to Harbert Beach to be reattached in the original configuration. Underhill stated that this way the DEQ would not need to be involved. Taylor added that Rudolph will be going to the beach on Wednesday morning to assess the situation, possibly move the stairs and begin the work.</p> <p>Schrader questioned if the plan is for the stairs to be attached straight out as they had been. Underhill responded, yes, otherwise the DEQ would need to be involved.</p>	
<p>Fran Wersell informed the board that some people think that the sign on the south side of Miller Beach is in the wrong location and needs to be moved 5' further to the north.</p> <p>Joe Sipek was present with his granddaughters Eva and Emma. He agreed that the stairs are taking too long and expressed that there is volunteer labor available to help. He added that the stairs should be set sideways. Hall responded that the DEQ would need to be involved at that point.</p> <p>Josh Higgins thanked the Park Board for all that they have done.</p>	Public Comment
<p>There were no special presentations at this time.</p>	Special Presentation
<p>Harbert Beach – Underhill shared a plan for the beach stairs. Cherry Beach – Hall reported that the beach was closed due to an e coli break out. The trees were trimmed around the overlook. Sellers reported that she and Underhill worked on a plan to make more space for parking. Sellers stated that the port-a-john shelter has been built and looks great after being stained. She added that she has applied for a variance. Berrien Beach – Underhill reported that there is debris all over the beach and she is unsure if the board should be responsible for addressing it or not. Miller Beach – Fran Wersells reported that her beach is very clean but the smallest it has ever been. There was nothing additional to report. McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing additional to report. Townline Beach – Hall informed the board that someone has added curb stops along Townline Rd. but it is missing an ADA spot. Hall will ask Abonmarche about how to make the spot official. Taylor added that the Berrien County Rd. commission needs to be involved. Anderson had nothing additional to report. Pier St. Beach – Sellers reported that the access remains closed. Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Anderson had nothing additional to report. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall reported that the park is a muddy mess. Harbert Community Park – Hall had nothing additional to report. Sellers reported that Underhill had two “Park Entrance” signs created and installed.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports
<p>The Harbert Beach stairs were previously discussed.</p> <p>Hall reviewed upcoming reservations for the park properties and added that she asked that the water not be turned off until after the Apple Cider Century ride.</p>	Old Business

<p>Hall informed the board that the Harbert Community Park project has gone back out to bid.</p> <p>Underhill reported that she spoke with the Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner regarding Berrien Beach and Oldenberg was hired to excavate once again as he had done previously.</p> <p>It was discussed if someone should be hired to clean the beaches. Schrader asked if Josh burnt the debris and removed the ash if it would be a better solution. Josh suggested involving the fire department. Schrader stated that burning the drift wood and grass full of bugs for birds would not be beneficial for the environment.</p> <p>Taylor reported that there is an ordinance in place regarding cell service at the beaches.</p> <p>Taylor informed the board that there is dedicated beach patrol for the holiday weekend.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that the 5 year plan committee is nearly ready to move forward with their survey to have it completed by the 15th of July. Sellers suggested putting a sticker on water bills to highlight the survey.</p> <p>Hall reported that the Cherry Beach Project has secured \$733,000 and yet requires about \$400,000 to raise by the end of September. She informed the board that \$1.2 million was raised last year.</p> <p>One June 20th Chief Davidson visited all sites and made comments on the safety. He suggested that the platform at Chikaming Park and Preserve be pressure washed. The Harbert Community Park needs to have some handles replaced. Hall suggested that the issues noted on the report be addressed and followed up on later in the year.</p>	
<p>Hall reported that a big wedding appeared on Berrien Beach and some sort of requirement needs to be put together for future events as the requests have become more frequent. Schrader stated that there is no “yes or no” answer but there are certain ordinances that need to be followed and guests should be made aware of them.</p> <p>Tracey Adams wrote to the board on Friday the 21st requesting permission to take photos on Berrien Beach and to put a temporary sign on the beach for advertising. Schrader stated this is common practice to take photos on the beach. Sellers stated that she does not like the sign but she is OK with the photos. Wersells stated that this happens at Miller Beach all the time with signs and it could cause a problem.</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Schrader, to not allow temporary signs on the beach properties.</p> <p>Roll call vote as follows:</p>	<p>New Business</p>

<p>Schrader - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Anderson - Aye, Underhill - Abstained, Hall - Aye, Sellers - Aye</p> <p>Sellers asked if paid photography should be allowed on park properties and beaches. She added that state parks require a permit. It was clarified that she is allowed to photograph.</p> <p>Hall requested a statement to be created for visitors to Cherry Beach regarding passes. Schrader stated that on busy weekends the township has the right to allow parking for pass holders parking only. Schrader agreed a permanent sign might be a good idea. Bunte suggested that parking pass holders have priority during holidays and weekends. Schrader suggested a sign be created directed at people who do not have parking passes with shorter wording. Schrader clarified that everyone is welcome to access the beach but not everyone is allowed access to park. Schrader will have Taylor and Bunte review and approve the sign before she places it.</p>	
<p>Schrader informed the board that there was a commercial filmed on Cherry Beach several years ago and a motion was made that in the future commercials crews needed to get permission from the township to film.</p> <p>Schrader informed the Board that Wednesday is the official Cherry Beach birthday and it will be 97.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	ADJOURNED
<p>Monday, July 22, at 6:30 P.M.</p>	NEXT MEETING