



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, September 23, 2019

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

Monday, September 23, 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: Deborah Hall-Kayler, Jill Underhill, Arthur Anderson, Janet Schrader, Joseph Reed, Kathy Sellers and Shelly Taylor were present.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>The reservation request for Harbert Community Park was removed from the agenda.</p> <p>It was added that a timeline for the 5 year plan will be discussed.</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding August regular meeting minutes.</p> <p>The spelling of "Monday" in the header was corrected..</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the August 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. The account balance is currently \$63,270.45.</p> <p>Sellers informed the board that the budget is currently being worked on and board members should continue to submit budget requests.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>There were no correspondences.</p> <p>It was noted that the Harbor Country News featured an article about the Master Plan project. Underhill will submit a correction to the paper noting that the fishing platform will not happen in the near future.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>
<p>Fran Wersells stated that she visited McKinley Beach on the previous Friday and the beach is full of rafts and paddle boards. Taylor informed the board</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>

<p>that and ordinance is being worked on to prevent this. Wersells also informed the board that there is very limited space at Miller Beach and visitors are trampling the dune grass which makes the erosion worse.</p>	
<p>There were no special presentations.</p>	<p>Special Presentation</p>
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that the stairs remain intact. Cherry Beach – Hall informed the board that the phone line will be installed at the beach in the coming week. Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing additional to report. Miller Beach – There was nothing additional to report. McKinley Beach – Higgins reported that several other stair cases had washed up on the beach. 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. – Anderson shared the signs that were created for the preserve with the board for their review. Anderson informed the board that he would like to buy a rake for the pond at the preserve. It was determined that spending limits for request such as this should be discussed at the next meeting. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall had nothing additional to report. Harbert Community Park – Taylor reported that the liner for the ice rink has been ordered. It was determined that a shed cleaning party will take place on October 13th.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Hall informed the board that she and Sellers plan to meet with TDK in October. Schrader stated that TDK sealed the stair at the beach without letting the board know. She asked that he be requested to inform the board ahead of sealing in the future.</p> <p>Hall stated that construction at the Harbert Community Park will begin within the week and continue into October.</p> <p>Hall reported that all the gates at the park properties now have the same locks and keys.</p> <p>It was discussed that the timeline for the 5 year plan has shifted and the plan is to have a draft for review by October 28th. Following the 15th of November a public meeting will take place. The final deadline to submit the plan is February 1st. The suggested public hearing date is December 9th.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that Sherry Curry found several cherry shaped rafts that are being placed all over the township to gain some awareness about the Cherry Beach project. She added that the township will be holding a special meeting to discuss the remaining funding needed for the project.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>
<p>Anderson presented suggested rules that he had drafted for managing question and answer periods for the Park Board meetings.</p> <p>Underhill stated that she is not sure that it is necessary to have a public question and answer period during the meeting since the public can ask questions at the township or send the board questions.</p>	<p>New Business</p>

<p>Taylor expressed that she likes the idea of providing a time to answer the public's questions. Reed added that he thinks providing a dialog period is a nice gesture.</p> <p>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Schrader, to include a Question and Answer period for members of the public attending the meetings of the Chikaming Township Park Board subject to rules approved by the Board. The Q&A will take place in place of the second period of public comments as is the current practice; further, that the Board adopt rules governing the conduct of the Question and Answer period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Sellers - Aye, Schrader - Aye, Underhill - Nay, Anderson - Aye, Reed - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Hall - Aye</p>	
<p>Layton Olson from the Prairie Club was present to invite the board to post something in their newsletter about the Cherry Beach Project. He also shared a watershed plan and suggested that it be incorporated into the 5 year plan.</p> <p>It was noted that on September 11, 2019 the South Bend Tribune wrote about the mountain bike trails.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	ADJOURNED
<p>Monday, October 28th, at 6:30 P.M.</p>	NEXT MEETING