

Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting - APPROVED

August 24, 2020

Electronic meeting via Zoom and In-Person (following guidelines)

The August 24, 2020 meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:34PM by Acting Chair Anderson. Also present were board members Taylor, Underhill, Schrader, and Reed, along with members of the community.

Chair Hall-Kayler and Treasurer Sellers were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Anderson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: No objections

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Schrader presented Dan Menitoff and Joe Sipek with a card and crinoid art as a thank-you gift for all they did with the Cherry Beach Stairs. Both the board and community are thankful for citizens who stepped up. Sipek stated there is \$700 left and he discussed giving it back to the park board to save for future issues. Schrader suggested he give it for the birthday of Cherry Beach.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLOSE MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: No objections.

Discussion on removing garbage bins at public beaches.

Fran Wersells: She was initially against it but now thinks we should try it and experiment. We can easily call and reinstate garbage bins if it doesn't work. Her neighbors are totally against it but she's all for trying it.

Sherry Curry: Suns End and Cherry Beach Rd. residents agreed we need back-up right away if we remove them and trash then accumulates.

Underhill: Worth educating people and trying again. Need to be mindful because people tend to resist change. We should give it a fair shot.

Schrader: Anytime you have something new you get a lot of kickback. Give it a try but have a plan in place for when garbage occurs. Post signs - carry in/carry out. Check out similar municipalities and see how it worked. Questioned what the fine was so we can post that as well.

Anderson: He received some emails from the public that he will share in the packet. All four people were opposed to it and said others won't comply. A survey will be going out.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION AND RE-OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS PORTION: No objections

APPROVE TWO SETS OF MINUTES:

Regular July Park Board Meeting: No objections

Special August Park Board Meeting: No objections

TREASURERS REPORT: Sellers was not on the call so board was asked permission to pass over this. Underhill asked if Anderson could share but he was not in a position to do so. No objections.

REPORTS

Reed: Harbert Beach has a receding dune. It has stayed the same over 2 months. The orange construction barrier at the top is working but there is still foot traffic. DeAngelis property is still in state of collapse. Rock barricade doesn't look like its helping. Boulders are doing their job at the property they were meant to, but more harmful

to surrounding properties. Everything else seems normal. He observed this from the walkway, up to the red stopping point.

Schrader: She and Anderson walked down the beach from the Prairie Club but it was too dangerous to walk back. For every action, there is a reaction, and some properties are causing trouble for neighbors. She wishes park board would have been asked to weigh in from EGLE. Aluminum stairs are working well on other properties.

Fran Wersells: Miller Beach – dogs are the worst she’s ever seen. She asked a woman to remove her dog and no one backed her up. She would like the no dog sign to be enlarged.

Schrader: On Townline she counted 24 cans of beer and dogs are uncontrollable. People are on edge with the virus and its showing on the beaches. Fires are happening on the beach and she’s really worried about the holiday coming up. Cars are parking to the north and signs are being covered up, so need to be more visible. Concerned about the fire lane/turn around for ambulance. She would like signs like the state park has that state No Fire, Dogs, or Alcohol. Our signage is too friendly and doesn’t clearly state what isn’t allowed. Little circles with symbols on signs is not enough.

Anderson: He’s been working with Pat Fisher and David Stevenson regarding signs at Chikaming Township Park and Preserve. The signs need to be assembled. Rotary has small teams to install them. They’d like to use an ATV to put signs on the trails.

CORRESPONDENCE

Four letters were received regarding the garbage survey.

Chip Stefey donated the amount of his deposit for the Harbert Community Park pavilion back.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Anderson to allow Harbor Country Rotary and Harbor Country Hikers to use an ATV properly marked for safety to install signage at Chikaming Township Park and Preserve. The permission is valid until December 31, 2020. Supported by Underhill.

Roll Call Vote:

Anderson: yes

Underhill: yes

Reed: yes

Schrader: yes

Taylor: yes

Hall Kayler and Sellers: absent

5 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Motion by Anderson to approve posting a survey regarding garbage collection on the Park Board web site page and other sites if needed. Supported by Taylor.

Reed suggested we ask for a donation of \$5 for continuation of garbage services. Underhill asked if we could add that question to the survey. She will work on framing that question. Schrader wants to know how we would collect that money because many people want to donate to the mountain bike trail and she doesn't know how to collect it. Reed suggested a GoFundMe.

Roll Call Vote:

Anderson: yes

Underhill: yes

Reed: yes

Schrader: yes

Taylor: yes

Hall Kayler and Sellers: absent

5 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Underhill suggested we add more donation boxes, like the one at the dog park. It is very sturdy and we could mount them at our properties.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Sherry Curry cited the ordinances currently posted at Cherry and suggested we make them much bigger, and also they are posted too high up to easily read. She feels we should make them more visible there and at the other beaches. We could also post that there is a \$500 fine for household trash being put in public trash bins.

Fran Wersells said the residents pay taxes so it won't be received well if we hit them up for garbage and beautification costs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mountain Bike Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th, at 6:30PM.

Existing garbage survey will be on the website tomorrow

ADJOURN MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Taylor