

Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting - APPROVED

April 27, 2020

Electronic meeting via zoom, per Governor Whitmer's order

The April 27, 2020 meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:34PM by Chair Hall-Kayler. Also present were board members Reed, Sellers, Underhill, Anderson, and Taylor, along with members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Hall-Kayler

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Moved by Arthur, supported by Underhill. All ayes, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** given by Sellers

Moved by Sellers to accept minutes from February, supported by Anderson, All ayes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Menitoff - ideas on accessing Harbert Beach

Nancy Diciurcio - Questioning large boulders near Harbert Beach

Ian Rahm- Houses between Cherry and Harbert Beach are installing boulders. Affects public and ATV's

Sarah Schrup - Other home owners feel pushed to follow installation of boulders. It will affect our beaches

Dan Glavin - The attempted cures could cause more problems than remedies

Barbara Warren - Suggested an answer be given at a zoom meeting or mass email

Brian Kern - This meeting is for park board issues, not private property, and the park board doesn't have the authority over private property. Contact state and township board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was presented to the board and placed on file as read.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Structural inspection reviewed:

Some jobs are outside Josh's scope of work. New signs need to say "rip current" and not "rip tide." Hall-Kayler will meet with Josh to go over assignments.

Sellers will contact Ron about billboard. Gatehouse roof - not metal, just repair. Will look at dugout.

CTPP pit toilet needs roof and sky light.

Underhill said large scoreboard needs repair - is on Josh's worklist.

Underhill reported that we have \$5,620 for grant project at Harbert Community Park. A meandering path will follow the design plan. Claudia Parrish will move forward with work on the design plan and project.

Sellers inquired about disc golf at CTPP. Anderson reported it is put on hold because David Stevenson is out of town. A grant will be applied for but it is unclear if we can get it done this summer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cherry Beach Passes – Discussion on whether we should print and how many. Township office is closed so poses a problem for dispersing. Decision made to print 700 and use excess next year.

Toilets – One at Cherry Beach for now and may change if traffic increases. Pump once or twice a week, depending on attendants’ observations. Handwashing station may be an option, based on price.

Currently no toilet at Townline but a conversation will be had with New Buffalo Township.

HCP Playground – keep it closed. Jill will reinforce tape and Joseph will put up a sign

Cherry Beach Access – Manny removed stairs and 16ft. of decking. Platform will be dismantled.

Display case at Cherry Beach – Sherri Curry purchased new one at greatly reduced cost and would like to be reimbursed. Discussion about her consulting the board before making purchases, again, and a receipt needs to be given.

Motion by Hall-Kayler to reimburse Sherry Curry for the display case for \$165.80 to be used at Cherry Beach. Supported by Anderson.

By Roll Call vote:

Taylor -aye

Hall-Kayler -aye

Sellers - aye

Anderson -aye

Reed -aye

Underhill – nay

Motion carried

Beach Access Committee – Going to investigate with DEQ about installing a meandering woodchip path to the beach down the dune. Few small trees would need to be cut. Path could be lined with railroad ties. People are using the Beidler property and we don’t yet own it. This path is a temporary solution. Concern over drainage after a heavy rain. The zig zag pattern would allow it to flow off to the side and is designed to stop erosion. There would need to be steps once you reach the clay embankment at the bottom. Looking at aluminum stairs as the long-term solution. Estimates will be gathered to consider for next year.

Harbert Beach access is still unknown. Potential to carve a path to the north of Harbert Beach. Needs further discussion.

Motion by Hall-Kayler to hire Manny to remove the overlook as a matter of public safety to be on it or under it, should it fall, not to exceed \$1,600. Supported by Underhill.

By Roll Call vote:

Taylor -aye

Hall-Kayler - aye

Sellers -aye

Anderson - aye

Reed - aye

Underhill – aye

Motion carried

Motion by Hall-Kayler to assemble a gentle sloping wood chip path down to Cherry Beach to be completed by Memorial Day, not to exceed \$2,000. Supported by Underhill.

By Roll Call vote:

Taylor -aye

Hall-Kayler -aye

Sellers - aye

Anderson - aye

Reed -aye

Underhill – aye

Motion carried

## **REPORTS**

Anderson is working with Pat Fisher on signage at CTPP

Hall-Kayler has 911 signage concerns at HCP because it doesn't work. Pat Fisher can cover and hide them. There is a meeting on May 19 reconnect them. We can put a sign up at HCP to say they're not currently working. Maybe delay at CTPP?

Arthur reported the Parks Manager job is being put off until May 15 because of COVID timing. We can post it on MParks website for free and write up a general description, publicize through Facebook and put an ad in Harbor Country News.

Josh is keeping a clear log. He provided clarification about the box falling on the ground in his report.

Hall-Kayler reported that MParks wrote up a nice interview about Chikaming Township.

## **QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Discussion about how to start process of addressing boulders along the shoreline. Eagle is holding webinars. Discussion on pros and cons of boulders and everyone joining forces to all do the same, one way or another.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cherry Beach Project has received 80% of the promised funds.

Suggested to gather photographs of our favorite beaches during the years of distinct shoreline going up and down due to lake levels.

Next meeting is Monday, May 18.

ADJOURN MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Taylor