

Chikaming Township Park Board Special Meeting - APPROVED

August 10th, 1:00PM

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

The August 10, 2020 special meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 1:00PM by Chair Hall-Kayler. Also present were board members Underhill, Anderson, Sellers and Taylor, along with members of the community. Absent were board members Reed and Schrader.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Hall-Kayler

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: No objections, Carried

REPORT UPDATE FROM BEACH COMMITTEE:

The committee could not come to a consensus concerning Josh and Sherri working at Cherry Beach gatehouse so it was brought to the board. One opinion was that Josh should rearrange his schedule to cover shifts and hold off on other projects until the off-season (currently on his list is to paint benches at triangle park in Lakeside), so his hours do not exceed 40 each week. The other opinion was that he should continue to work and be allowed to be paid overtime as needed, and also have Sherri cover shifts at the gatehouse.

Breakdown of Josh's current tasks, weekly:

Cleaning garbage cans (2-3 hours), Watering (6 hours), Dog Park, Pit Toilets; This leaves him with 14-16 hour of labor left. His pay period runs from Monday through Sunday.

He said without someone at the gatehouse, cars are wanting to park in the center and many people are asking about passes. He felt adequate hours were 10-6 or 7PM on weekends. Opinion from beach committee was that 10-4 or 5, or 11-3 or 4 should be sufficient.

Labor Day weekend should have someone in the gatehouse Friday-Monday, with Monday's hours being 11-4.

Discussion on Sherri Curry working gatehouse: She was asked if she preferred we go into a closed session but she said we may continue in open session. Some board members felt we should have a back-up person in the instance that Josh cannot make it into work. We would need to allocate her number of hours for work, not leave it up to gatehouse worker.

Underhill would like it on record that there was an inappropriate interjection by Hall-Kayler towards Underhill on their differing opinions regarding hiring Sherri.

Concerns over hiring someone new this late into the season, and it was noted that no job has been posted so we do not know for certain if anyone would be interested. Another concern was if we had reassurance from Sherri that issues from the past won't resurface. Sherri was unaware of what these behaviors were. She would like board members to contact her and bring issues to the surface immediately so she can address them.

Underhill requested it be on record that Sellers didn't think it was right for Underhill to get a vote since she will not be on the new board. Sellers responded by saying it was on her mind but agreed it was incorrect to say that, and therefore did not bring it up again.

Motion by Anderson to hire Sherri Curry for set number of hours to be determined and divvy up the gatehouse hours with Josh, supported by Sellers.

Roll call:

Hall-Kayler: yes

Anderson: yes

Sellers: yes

Taylor: no

Underhill: no

Motion passed 3-2.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Suzanne Koenigsberg - the beach was very crowded Saturday. She has taken up issues with the police about parking because the crowded beach is a problem. We need to manage and maintain parking.

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage pick-up: \$16.25 per unit, \$25 per location for extra pick-up. Currently Friday and Tuesday pick-ups. Do we need extra bins or extra pick-ups every week? Service is suspended during winter months. Sellers would like to cancel Republic and hire Michiana. She has studied this thoroughly.

Taylor supports Kathy's opinion and trusts her judgement. Underhill agreed. Anderson felt we might want to wait until after Labor Day. We could get new cans on Aug. 13 but how long would it take to remove the old cans? Anderson offered to collect all cans and bring them to one location, after pick-up, on Wednesday.

No objections to Sellers facilitating another relationship for garbage removal.

Dogs and Fires on Beaches: Anderson wrote a letter to the paper and wondered if he should list all of our names, just the chair, or CTPB. He will also accommodate requests for edits. Board agreed this letter should not be anonymous and be signed CTPB.

Private Property Demarcation: Schrader is opposed to signage and feels it is against ordinances, this was relayed by Hall-Kayler, as Schrader was not present at meeting. Chief Taylor and Mr. Hilmer have conversed with Hall-Kayler.

Part-Time Employee Roll-Out: We are ready to begin our search and begin the interview process. Anderson would like to speak with Treasurer Dudiak to review the hiring process. The three members on this conference call will be Anderson, Taylor, and Sellers.

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage study - should we eliminate bins? Anderson would like to pursue this option if board feels it is worth pursuing. Public hearing will occur before the Regular August 24th meeting. It will be studied to see if other townships have done this, what their success rate is, and if we would need to partner with the township to ensure every household has a can. There would need to be public buy-in. Currently Indiana has been successful but Michigan has not been. We would need township backing for this to work.

Motion by Anderson to hold a public hearing at a time and place and manner to be determined by the Chair regarding garbage collection and the merits of suspending garbage collection and instituting a carry in/carry out policy for parks and beaches. Further that Chair or members appointed by the Chair conduct a survey

regarding public support for such a policy and also conduct an outreach program to gauge public support for the policy. The Chair or Treasurer is authorized to allocate a sum of money not to exceed \$(TBD) for the study.

Supported by Underhill.

Roll Call:

Hall-Kayler: yes

Anderson: yes

Underhill: yes

Sellers: yes

Taylor: yes

All ayes, motion carried.

Public hearing will be posted and a press release will be sent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Thursday, Aug. 13, 6:30PM at the trustee meeting, Bunte will acknowledge the Cherry Beach team.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th, at 6:30PM with the public hearing first (public hearing will be conducted via Zoom).

ADJOURN MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Taylor