

Chikaming Township Park Board Special Meeting - APPROVED

May 7, 2020

Electronic meeting via zoom, per Governor Whitmer's order

The May 7, 2020 special meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:35PM by Chair Hall-Kayler. Also present were board members Reed, Sellers, Underhill, Anderson, Schrader and Taylor, along with members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Hall-Kayler

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Moved by Underhill, supported by Anderson. No objections, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

Status of dune at Cherry Beach - it's caving in further and storms continue to erode it. Police and Fire departments cannot safely get down to beach for rescue operations. Hall-Kayler is retracting her statement from April 27 board meeting to open the beach by Memorial Day. The chiefs will continue to revisit the option of opening as it becomes safe to do so. Parking passes will not be issued, as that advertises the beach as being open.

MOTION: Taylor made a motion to close Cherry Beach until further notice because of public safety concerns. Supported by Underhill.

Roll call:

Underhill - yes

Anderson - yes

Hall-Kayler - yes

Sellers - yes

Reed - yes

Schrader - yes

Taylor - yes

Motion carried.

Chief Taylor and Anderson will work on signage regarding the beach closure. This information will be posted on social media to educate public (facebook and website) and also advertised on Harbor Country Radio and Harbor Country News.

Social distancing may continue all year, which means there may be problems with crowding at Towline and Berrien. Schrader is going to call Warren Dunes and ask about letting residents in at no cost and also see how they are planning to handle crowds, regarding social distancing.

Port -a-john toilets: Putting them off for now due to beach closures, as it sends a mixed message.

MOTION: Hall-Kayler moved to cancel relationship with WOW for Cherry Beach port-a- john until further notice. Supported by Sellers.

All ayes, motion carried.

Garbage cans – the two will remain at Cherry Beach.

No beach attendant needed while beach remains closed.

People have been traversing on Beidler property. A sign will be posted to say do not trespass, until it's legally park board property. This needs to be advertised on Facebook page as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be May 18, 2020, via zoom, at 6:30PM.

Next meeting is Monday, May 18.

ADJOURN MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Taylor