



**Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, December 17, 2018**

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

Monday, December 17, 2018 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: Kathy Sellers, Arthur Anderson, Deborah Hall-Kayler and Janet Schrader were present. Joseph Reed, Jill Underhill, and Shelly Taylor were absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p><b>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hall, to approve the meeting agenda.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<b>AGENDA APPROVED</b>
<p>Motion to approve preceding November meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the November regular meeting.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p><b>MINUTES APPROVED</b></p>
<p>Sellers reported that there is currently a balance of \$62,140.75 remaining in the budget for the fiscal year. Sellers calculated that, less outstanding expenses and grant money, the board will have about \$52,000 throughout the rest of the fiscal year. She reminded the board that invoices must be in by the end of February.</p>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
<p>The township sent a Holiday thank you card to the park board.</p>	<b>Correspondence</b>
<p>No public comments at this time.</p>	Public Comment
<p>There were no special presentation.</p>	Special Presentation
<p><b>Harbert Beach</b> – Reed was not present to report. <b>Cherry Beach</b> – There was nothing new to report. <b>Berrien Beach</b> – Underhill was not present to report. <b>Miller Beach</b> – Hall had nothing new to report. <b>McKinley Beach</b> – Taylor was not present to report. <b>Townline Beach</b> – Anderson had nothing new to report. <b>Pier St. Beach</b> – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports

<p><b>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd.</b> – Anderson had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve</b> – It was reported that the Pat Fischer led a Harbor Country Hikers group of 28 people through the preserve the previous weekend.</p> <p><b>Harbert Community Park</b> – Hall reported that progress is being made with the grant project. The DEQ is now reviewing the project and the next step will be selecting contractors.</p>	
<p>Tom Hackley expressed interest in helping to update the Park Board Master Plan in any capacity they feel necessary.</p> <p>Schrader stated that she feels a future manager role needs to be added to the plan.</p> <p><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Schrader, to hire Tom Hackley, planning consultant and urban developer, to revise the Park Board 5 year plan at a rate of \$37.50 and a total amount not to exceed \$5,000 including expenses.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Schrader expressed interest in being on the planning committee.</p> <p>Hall reported that the proposed budget was shared and reviewed with Township Supervisor David Bunte.</p> <p>Sellers reviewed changes to the budget with the board based on past year spending and the proposed amount for this year is \$122,150.</p> <p><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Schrader, to approve the proposed 2019/2020 budget, as presented, to be shared with the township for their review and approval.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Sellers informed the board that she was at a dog park in Chicago and noticed that almost all of the park was concrete. Schrader suggested taking a poll to see what the community would prefer for dog park ground material.</p> <p>Hall reported that Celebrate Chikaming Carloing was a huge success with over 30 people in attendance.</p> <p><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Anderson, to host Chikaming Holiday Caroling again at Lakeside Park on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Hall informed the board that the Cherry Beach grant was not obtained as was announced at the December 14th township meeting. It was mentioned that funds available were much less this year. Schrader then read a statement into the record thanking the Park Board, Township Board, and Cherry Beach Committee for their efforts.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>

	New Business
Fran Wersells informed the board that there are still rafts at Miller Beach.	Public Comment
<b>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>	ADJOURNED
Monday, January 28th, at 6:30 P.M.	NEXT MEETING