



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, February 25, 2019

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

Monday, February 25, 2019 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: Deborah Hall-Kayler, Joseph Reed, Shelly Taylor and Janet Schrader were present. Jill Underhill, Arthur Anderson, and Kathy Sellers were absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Reed, seconded by Schrader, to approve the meeting agenda. CARRIED</p>	AGENDA APPROVED
<p>Motion to approve preceding February 1st meeting minutes.</p> <p>Hall corrected that on page 2 "Simmons" be revised to "Stevenson." She also asked that on page three "4" regions be updated to "5." Hall asked that in the last paragraph "Kurry" be revised to "Curry."</p> <p>Taylor asked that "Renny" be revised to "Rennie."</p> <p>Moved by Taylor, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting. CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Hall reported that there is \$28,829.83 remaining in the year's budget with a few more outstanding invoices.</p>	Treasurer's Report
<p>Kim Livengood submitted a request to use the Harbert Community Park.</p> <p>Gretchen Evans invited the board members to the Bridgman Public Library for an upcoming community breakfast.</p>	Correspondence
<p>There were no public comments at this time.</p>	Public Comment
<p>There were no special presentation.</p>	Special Presentation

<p>Harbert Beach – Reed had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – There was nothing new to report.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill was not present to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach – Hall had nothing additional to report.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor reported that the trash pick up will be better monitored at the beach.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Anderson was not present to report.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Sellers was not present to report.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Anderson was not present to report.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall had nothing additional to report.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Hall reported that the DEQ approve the overlook project and it is now out to bid. She added that the goal is to have the project completed by the 28th of June.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Schrader informed the board that a letter was sent to the Attorney General requesting input on remote conferencing.</p> <p>Hall stated that the role of Secretary is clearly defined in the by-laws. The scribe records the minutes and makes them available. She also clarified that the Township Board sets the meeting per diem amounts and the chair gets \$55 a meeting while the other members of the board get \$45. Schrader stated that she wished the Park Board members had more input on per diem amounts.</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that the township is preparing for pursuing the Cherry Beach grant once again.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Taylor, that the Chikaming Park Board work together with the Township Board to move forward working together on the Cherry Beach Project.</p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Reed - Aye, Schrader - Aye, Taylor - Aye, and Hall - Aye</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that March 14th is the public hearing for the Cherry Beach Project.</p> <p>Taylor reported that the ice rink was a success with over 40 requests for the access code online.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that she and Schrader were supposed to attend a conference at the end of January but the weather did not allow.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Taylor, to retroactively approve the \$490 cost of the meeting Hall and Schrader were supposed to have attended on January 30th.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>The board will consider becoming a member of the MParks organization after further review.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>

<p>A Celebrate Chikaming stewardship event will take place on March 23rd to work on signage.</p> <p>Sherry Curry reported that she has put together a dog park survey. Curry informed the board that the majority of survey takers are happy with wood chips as the surface. Curry suggested that a sign be installed to remind visitors to pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that some additional expenses will need to be accounted for while working on the 5 year plan. She explained that this will include expenses like newspaper postings.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Taylor, that up to \$1,000 be set aside for operating expenses to be used by the 5 year planning committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>It was determined that Reed will host a One-Drive class at 6:00 PM on March 18th.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that a need has been realized for someone to create and design print material, prepare radio content, create Facebook boosts, work with the website, and complete similar tasks. Schrader stated that she is willing to assist in finding someone to fill the role.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that she reviewed the state of the pavillion roof with Fire Chief Davidson and he thinks it will need to be replaced soon. She obtained a quote from Cory Busch. More quotes will be considered before making a decision.</p>	New Business
<p>Schrader invited the board to the next Harbor Country Hikers event at the New Buffalo Beach.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	ADJOURNED
<p>Monday, March 25th, at 6:30 P.M.</p>	NEXT MEETING