



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, October 23, 2018	
<p>Chikaming Township Park Board Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting</p> <p>Monday, October 23, 2018 6:30 p.m. Chikaming Township Hall 13535 Red Arrow Hwy Harbert, MI 49115</p>	
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<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Kathy Sellers, Arthur Anderson, Joseph Reed, Shelly Taylor, Deborah Hall-Kayler, Janet Schrader, and Jill Underhill were present.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Hall pointed out that the discussion of the Township Minutes would be removed from future meetings unless a relevant topic came up.</p> <p>A discussion of Harbert Community Park was added to the agenda as well as a point to discuss duckweed.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	AGENDA APPROVED
<p>Motion to approve preceding September meeting minutes.</p> <p>Taylor requested that under the Cherry Beach parking review, "Head of Public Safety" be changed to "Fire Chief Mike Davidson and Police Chief Todd Taylor." She also asked the the duckweed quote be changed to \$3,000.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the September regular meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Underhill, to approve the minutes of the October special meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers requested that the board start considering what they would like to request in next year's budget.</p>	Treasurer's Report
<p>Theresa Richter wrote to express concern about the Pier Street Stairs.</p>	Correspondence

<p>The board received a request to put a tent and arbor up at the Chikaming Park and Preserve for a wedding. It was discussed that the legalities of this will need further review.</p> <p>Jackie Barry wrote questioning the location of Cherry Beach.</p>	
<p>No public comments at this time.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that the steps had washed away after a heavy storm but they were recovered and secured at Cherry Beach with the help of Brian Kern.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – There was nothing new to report.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Anderson had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Sellers reported that she will block off access via the stairs due to erosion after the storm.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. –The duckweed was further reviewed.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall reported that a proposal was submitted by TDK to manage invasive species.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Underhill shared an updated on the trail and overlook. Reed reported that he plans to remove the volleyball posts prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>The Park Board reviewed bids that had been submitted for the prairie burn at Chikaming Township Park and Preserve.</p> <p>Bourneman proposed two different options. One was \$3,925 and the larger area for \$5,425.</p> <p>Sean Knouse quoted \$2,000 and stated that he would need support from the local fire department.</p> <p>Claudia Parish offered that she would consider assisting in the planting of wildflowers in the center loop of the Park and Preserve lot.</p> <p>Schrader questioned who did the burn in the past. Hall responded that Bourneman had and that his bid is the same as it was last time.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to have a spring 2019 burn at the Chikaming Township Park and Preserve of approximately 25 acres with a firm to be determined at the upcoming November meeting. CARRIED</p> <p>Hall informed the board that she spoke with Cory Busch about his proposal for the fishing platform repairs and he estimated that the work would last 10 years. Rudolph estimated that his work would last 3-5 years.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>

<p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Sellers, that due to positive past experience with Cory Busch and to his estimated longevity of the repairs, the proposal by Busch be selected to go forward with for the repairing of the fishing platform at Chikaming Township Park and Preserve.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Hall informed the board that Abonmarche will have a final design for the platform and trail at Harbert Community Park by the end of the week.</p> <p>Taylor reported that she spoke with Jim from Aquatic Weed Control about the duckweed. It was suggested that floradome be used to treat it. The product will not harm fish. He suggested that it be treated in the spring and said that \$3,000 to treat it sounds reasonable. He also stated that a bubbler would not help.</p> <p>Taylor informed the board that she spoke with Spring Creek Farms and they would like to teach skating lessons at the Chikaming Ice Rink with the proceeds to go to the New Buffalo Sports Board.</p> <p>Schrader suggested that they also be asked to take over the Saturday night skating programs. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.</p> <p>Schrader reported that work has resumed on the mountain bike trails and great progress is being made.</p>	
<p>Hall informed the board that she has been noticing an excessive amount of invasive species at the Harbert Park and Preserve. She presented a proposal by TDK to treat the preserve for \$1,000.</p> <p>Underhill expressed that she feels the proposal is not detailed enough.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Anderson, that TDK be hired to do the work at Harbert Park and Preserve as proposed contingent upon his providing a detailed invoice for future records and that the work not exceed \$1,000 to be completed before December.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Hall reminded the board that positions get reassigned at the November meeting which she will not be present for. The board discussed if the Vice Chair role is still needed.</p>	New Business
<p>Todd Taylor requested a mountain bike trail map for the safety department in case of emergency.</p> <p>Taylor informed the board that “Trunk or Treat” will be happening at River Valley Middle School on the 27th and anyone is invited to come hand out candy.</p>	Public Comment

<p>Moved Anderson, seconded Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, November 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	