



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, September 24, 2018

Chikaming Township Park Board Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting

Monday, September 24, 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, Joseph Reed, Shelly Taylor, Deborah Hall-Kayler and Jill Underhill were present. Janet Schrader was absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>It was requested that a motion to amend the by-laws Article 4 be added to the agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding August meeting minutes.</p> <p>Hall requested that "July 23rd" be adjusted to "August 27th." Sellers asked that "need" be changed to "needs" in correspondence.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers reported that the current balance is \$80,927.02 for the remainder of the fiscal year with a couple bills not yet posted.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Hall stated that Theresa Richter wrote to inform the board that the Lakeside association will be cleaning the Lakeside Park this Thursday at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Michael Byrne wrote to the board regarding e-coli. Hall informed the board that e-coli is tested weekly.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>
<p>Underhill introduced John Krecek. Krecek has been helping to maintain the parks and beaches. He informed the board that his family has been in the area since 1947 and he is happy to give back to the community.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Maxine Brown came forth to introduce herself and geocaching. She</p>	<p>Special Presentation</p>

<p>informed the board that she has been geocaching since 1999 and has found over 23,000 geocaches. Brown described geocaching as the world’s largest treasure hunt. The premise is for geocachers to hide caches and then other participants use their GPS system to find the cache. There is an app and a website that logs the locations of caches. Brown informed the board that in 2001 a cache was placed at Harber Rd. Park and preserve and it has been visited by people from all over the world.</p>	
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed had nothing additional to report. Cherry Beach – Taylor reported that a sign will be added to the gate that it is locked at 10:30 p.m. A parking plan will be created by Taylor, Police Chief Todd Taylor, and Fire Chief Mike Davidson. Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing new to report. Miller Beach – Taylor reported that after the beach safety meeting it was determined that Miller beach needs a “no dogs” sign and an “authorized vehicles only” sign. McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report. Townline Beach – Anderson had nothing new to report. Pier St. Beach – Sellers had nothing new to report. Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. –The duckweed has been assessed. Taylor spoke with Tim at Aquatic Weed Control. He quoted \$3,000 to remove the weed and \$400 for the DEQ permit to do so. A new herbicide was also mentioned as an option. Hall reported that she has closed the fishing platform and bids are being accepted to repair it. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall hand nothing additional to report. Harbert Community Park – Underhill reported that the bleachers, scoreboard, and volleyball posts have been stained and sealed with 13 gallons of Cabot Gold and at a cost of \$200 labor. She informed the board that Mary and Andy Brown donated some furniture to the Harbert Community Park Pavilion. Dan Versaw completed the work repairing the driveway and John Searles installed a bottle of hand sanitizer in the restroom.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>The proposal from Harbor Country Hikers was reviewed to place signs at the Harbert Road Preserve and Chikaming Park and Preserve. The signs will mostly use existing posts and cost about \$2,700.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Seller, to order trail signage through Pat Fischer for the Harbert Road Preserve and Chikaming Township Park and Preserve at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Taylor reported that David Bourneman has been very helpful and responsive in discussing the prairie burn. Taylor informed the board that for a wildflower prairie a burn needs to be initiated in the fall. Hall stated that details of previous year’s burns will be reviewed and a decision about the burn will need to be made very soon.</p> <p>Underhill presented wording to amend the by-laws.</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p>MOTION TO APPROVE TRAIL SIGNAGE PROPOSAL</p>

<p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, that Article 4, Section M, of the bylaws be amended follows:</p> <p>“ All maintenance projects and/or repairs, emergency and nonemergency, over \$1,000, require prior CTPB approval. If a maintenance project and/or repair is deemed to be an emergency by the Chikaming Township Fire Chief, or other authorized personnel, a special meeting of the CTPB will be called before any work is performed. The same procedure will apply to all new construction projects. The \$1,000 spending cap is subject to an annual review by the CTPB.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO AMEND BY-LAWS</p>
<p>Taylor reported that the Beach Safety Committee had a successful meeting where it was discussed that the police issued 84 verbal warnings. She informed the board that the mile markers will be removed on October 1st.</p> <p>Taylor reported that the ice rink will be set up on Thanksgiving weekend and filled sometime in December depending upon temperature. The weekend skating parties could use some volunteers to host them.</p> <p>Hall reported that the township and public will meet the goal for Cherry Beach matching funds. The grant will be voted on December 19th.</p> <p>Sellers reported that the waste bins will be removed from the beaches on October 1st. It was also reported that the pit toilets were cleaned by “Wow.”</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>Hall reminded the board to attend the open house at the township hall to discuss the linear trail.</p> <p>Sellers thanked John Gunner Gooch for his great care of the catalpa trees.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Moved Underhill, seconded Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M. CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, October 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	