

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2021**

The July 8, 2021, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan were present at Chikaming Township Center. Also, present Attorney Hilmer, John Gooch and Francesca Sagala and several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Consent Agenda was given to the board, Marske moved, Sullivan supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and email were presented to the board for review and put on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Officer Holtz was complimented for her kindness and going above and beyond to help the community.

Complaint was heard regarding drain issues and garbage containers.

A compliment was given to Supervisor Bunte for an awesome job conducting a webinar and meeting on Managing High Water and High Tension along the Great Lakes Shoreline.

OLD BUSINESS:

MDNRTF Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion Project update (Cherry Beach):

The closing for the property is tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2021. We are waiting for final review and collection of all donations and grant commitments.

Union Pier/Red Arrow Improvements Project Update:

All major work is complete. A punch list of items are being attended to. Restroom/Trailhead will be opening this week. The parking lot will be a couple more months to complete, along with a dedication to Pokagon Fund.

Waste Management Services update:

A meeting was held by Treasurer Rettig, and Trustee Marske, along with eight others for a beginning discussion on the current issues of trash management. On going inquiring with other municipalities and companies will continue, after gathering information another will take place.

Lakefront Resiliency Project Update:

A plan was prepared, and placed on Chikaming Township Website.

Draft Ordinance on Non-Discrimination – Presenter Sid Mohn

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Rettig to not move forward with the draft ordinance at this time.

4 Ayes, 1 Nay

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to create a draft policy for Non-Discrimination.

4 Ayes, 1 Nay
Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chikaming Township was awarded a William Deputy Grant award in the amount of \$3500.00. A huge thank you to recognize Berrien Community Foundation/William Deputy Grant for selecting us and supporting us with this project. The funds will be used for Union Pier Banners.

Friends of Berrien County Trails Masterplan Funding Request was presented. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to support the request in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Friends of Berrien County Trails for funding support for a masterplan being developed by Abonmarche on the county trail system.

Old Sawyer Fire Station Property:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to accept final donation agreements and sales agreement to purchasing the old fire station in Sawyer, with Jerry and Bev Kohn donating it back to the township and donating a neighboring parcel to create greenspace and parking in Sawyer. A huge thank you to the Kohn's (who were present at meeting for any questions) was given for their generosity to the Township.

Township Center Lobby Construction Bids

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to accept a bid from McGuire's Professional Construction, Inc for reconfiguring and securing the Township lobby space from the office space.
All ayes, motion carried.

Harbert Community Park Redesign Proposal was presented to the board by Arthur Anderson, Chair of the Park Board and Altamanu Inc. Michiana Arts Foundation, a Charitable Trust, Trustee, Garth Taylor offered to Chikaming Township a grant of up to \$50,000.00 as a 50:50 match toward construction costs incurred before December 31, 2021 for the improvements to Harbert Community Park per design plans by Altamanu, Inc. A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske for an appropriation to the Park Board budget in the amount of \$50,000.00, allowing the Park Board to come back to the Township Board if necessary.
All ayes, motion carried.

Upon recommendation from our Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission a lot split was presented to the board for a Platted Lot Division on 6130 Browntown Road. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the split.
All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Comments were heard regarding the Non-Discrimination draft Ordinance in favor of it. Additional comment from the public on garbage cans and drain issues. The board was presented with a invitation to the Northeast Alabama Joint Chapter Conference regarding Best Community and Watershed Management Models and Planning Tools for Community and Careers if interested see Layton Olson.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte made a plea to the community due to businesses lack of employees to please be patient and support our businesses. Each and every business deserves our patience.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Rettig to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**