

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2023**

The June 8, 2023 , meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan present at Chikaming Township Center. Also present, Attorney Hilmer, David Johnson, 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 approving the Consent Agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, supported by Dudiak to approve the Treasurer's Report presented to the board.

All ayes, motion carried.

Paying the bills was read. A motion to approve the paying of the bills was made by Sullivan, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A formal letter of resignation from Lt. Brandon Jones effective June 15, 2023 was given to the board.

Joe Martin – Parks Director Report:

Successful volunteer beach cleanup took place at all 7 beaches with great turnout.

Loose steps at Townline beach have been repaired.

Volunteers came out in force at Lakeside Park to cleanup, plant flowers and mulch.

Second volunteer MTB trail cleanup is schedule for June 11th.

Our first concert in the park (HCP) has been confirmed for Saturday July 29th, Edgar Willbury Experience performing from 5-7, two or three food trucks will be placed on the former dugout concrete pads and in front of the concession area.

New Facebook page is up and running – Chikaming Parks & Beaches

The complete report will be filed with the meeting package.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A run down from Rick- Bridgman Library:

Reading classes will begin June 19 through July 29.

They have added a new computer.

June 23, 2023, Joey Andrews will be at Library.

Stay in touch with the website for additional information and times.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Cherry Beach Road Improvements:

Nothing new to date, all road repairs have been delayed due to culvert work.

Lakeside Honor Board Committee update:

A committee of 8 people was formed at the 4-23-23 meeting.

Designs will be presented for a new board; Three Oaks legion will be contacted for information. Next meeting will be June 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to set up a citizens committee to manage contacts, information, and communication. Commit \$5,000 to email set up, marketing and mailings if required. Approve CodeRed and Cherry Beach email lists to inform our residents of this project.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Weich introduced Michael Matinak and Khaler Johannsen for part-time firefighter and Medical First Responder positions for Chikaming Township Fire Department. A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to approve the hire of both.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a grant opportunity to MI fire equipment. The Fire Department would utilize this grant to purchase personal thermal imaging cameras if awarded.

All ayes, motion carried.

A proposal by Chief Weich was presented. A motion by Marske, supported by Sullivan for approval to extend services provided by the current Code Enforcement vehicle, by outfitting the unit with additional equipment and adding the Fire Department logo. The backup first responder vehicle will be sold by a bid process agreed upon by the township.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept the estimate from D. Layman Construction, LLC for repairs to the fire station roof and doors in the amount of \$5,057.11.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve an application and permit from Ace Pyro, LLC for Fireworks for July 3, 2023 at Chikaming Country Club.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to approve a resolution for a request of a speed Study on Warren Woods Road from Lakeside Road to Chikaming Park and Preserve.

By roll call vote: Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske
Resolution Declared.

A request was submitted for an on-premises tasting room for Fulcra Brewing Company, LLC. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the on-Premises Tasting Room Permit to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission.

By roll call vote: Sullivan, Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, Supported by Rettig to approve the RAP2.0 grant application for Phase 1 of Sawyer Streetscape with a potential \$200,000.00 match.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve a request to re-zone 4 properties, 11-07-0020-0042-04-0, 11-07-0020-0042-05-8, 11-07-0020-0042-06-6 and 11-07-0020-0042-07-4 from R-1 single family to RE-Recreation by Marske, supported by Dudiak.

By roll call vote: Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Rettig to approve a Parcel Combination to create a conforming lot for Property ID 11-07-4570-0055-00-1 and 11-07-4570-0046-00-2 to Robert & Jennifer Linton.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept a bid from Sawyer Garden Center for landscaping in downtown Sawyer after the resurfacing with the new curb cuts and planting areas. Cost of \$12,595.15.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the amending of Ordinance 126. Removing the park board from the ordinance and replacing it with the Parks Director and Supervisor for the approval process for access to the beaches.

By roll call vote: Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a proposal and funding for grant writing submission for Sawyer Road Streetscape Project from Antero Group in the amount of \$7,500.00,

All ayes, motion

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

DISCUSSION TOPIC: NEW BUFFALO TO BRIDGMAN AEP TRANSMISSION LINE REPLACEMENT

Approximately 60 people came to voice their opposition to the Transmission Replacement through Chikaming Township.

Several comments with concerns of the poles and placement of them taking down trees and landscaping along the route, along with questions as to what will happen to the path put in by the county, will it be on that side or the road or to the other side, then being placed in Harbert Park. None of these questions could be answered by the township until discussion hopefully with AEP representatives.

There has been no communication from AEP or word on public until today. Several residents received three-page question and answer sheet they received from Eric Giffey, Project Outreach Specialist for Indiana Michigan Power and asked to post it during the meeting for the public to read.

A concerned resident advised there was a rumor of a meeting on June 29th for the public at Froehlich's in Three Oaks. It was confirmed during the meeting that it will take place.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

TCU (Teachers Credit Union) will be changing their name to Everwise Credit Union by the end of June 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**