



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, March 26, 2018

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Monday, March 26, 2018 6:30 p.m.
Chikaming Township Hall
13535 Red Arrow Hwy
Harbert, MI 49115

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The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.	Call to Order
Members present: Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Shelly Taylor, Arthur Anderson, Deborah Hall-Kayler and Jill Underhill were present. Kathy Sellers was absent.	Roll Call
Approval of the meeting's agenda. Moved by Underhill, seconded by Hall, to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.	AGENDA APPROVED
Motion to approve preceding February meeting minutes. Schrader asked that more content be added before the MOU motion. Anderson asked that the signage part of the trails subcommittee motion be removed. Moved by Hall, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting. CARRIED	MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MINUTES APPROVED
Hall reported that \$11,659.97 was remaining in the Park Board's budget and will be returned to the township.	Treasurer's Report
Hall shared the details of an email she received that outline a process for documenting repairs to the various Park Board properties. Hall asked that everyone survey their property and report back about any maintenance needs.	Correspondence
Fran Wersells stated that she has been getting phone calls and photos from people who believe something needs to be done with the Berrien Beach drain. She added that the hotel across the street contacted the County Drain Commissioner. Schrader stated that it is a Street Department Drain. She added that the township is well aware of the	Public Comment

<p>issue and that Fire Chief Mike Davidson is watching the situation closely. Underhill stated that Berrien is her beach to oversee and she has been communicating with Davidson. She asked that anyone concerned about the drain be directed to contact her.</p>	
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that the same erosion issue continues. Cherry Beach – Schrader had nothing to report. Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing to report following the earlier discussion. Miller Beach – Hall had nothing to report.. McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report. Townline Beach – Arthur had nothing to report. Pier St. Beach – Schrader had nothing new to report. Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. –Taylor reported that the gate was open a few weeks ago and has since been closed. Anderson reported that he walked the trails there with Pat Fisher and one of the trails ends abruptly. Fisher and Anderson are proposing two different trail layouts to remedy this. These options will be further reviewed at later meetings. Schrader suggested that the dates be reviewed for when the dam next needs inspection. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall reported that some fencing is in need of repair at the preserve. She added that there was plenty of litter on the ground when she arrived at the park and there is also a flooding issue. Harbert Community Park – Underhill and Reed had nothing to report.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Anderson informed the board that Billy Burdett, manager of Harris Family Foundation Farm, will be holding an organic gardening seminar on Saturday, April 7th at the township hall.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that a decision will need to be made about the recycling and garbage cans. She explained that a new contract was to start April 1st and the current service provider has 26 cans. Hall observed that some of the garbage cans have not been picked up since January 27th. Hall stated that while traveling she noticed many parks do not provide garbage cans and suggested that the board consider removing cans entirely to see what the result is. Schrade recommended that the dog park garbage can be the only one left. Underhill shared a \$369 quote for a dog waste can. Anderson expressed concern about removing the cans so quickly. Hall will discuss providing service on a monthly basis with the current trash removal provider and the board will revisit this topic next month.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Schrader, to not accept the 2 year agreement offered by Lakeshore Recycling and instead seek to engage them on a month to month basis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Hall reported that the property map and survey are being reviewed for the overlook project at Harbert Community Park. A list of contractors to do the work is being reviewed and will be discussed at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p>MOTION TO NOT ACCEPT BID</p>



<p>Hall reported that the Park Board budget was approved for \$124,550 which includes \$18,750 for the Harbert Community Park Passport Grant project.</p> <p>Hall reported that the intention for the Celebrate Chikaming Event this year is to allow an opportunity for each property to host a small event with another organization. The committee is asking the Park Board to contribute \$3,000 toward the events. The township will also contribute \$3,000.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, to approve a \$3,000 to go toward the Celebrate Chikaming Events.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Schrader reported that 375 letters of support were received for the Cherry Beach project.</p> <p>Schrader introduced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the board from Chikaming Open Lands (COL). COL is agreeing to identify and control invasive species on the Charry Beach expanded property They are also agreeing to host Stewardship Days at the property.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Hall, to approve the MOU between the Park Board and Chikaming Open Lands.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO BUDGET FUNDS FOR THE CELEBRATE CHIKAMING EVENTS</p> <p>MOTION TO APPROVE MOU</p>
<p>Schrader reported that New Buffalo and River Valley School Districts are interested in the water safety class. To provide the class would be \$600 for a full day and \$537 without meals for 4 hrs. Schrader is proposing 1 class at New Buffalo and 2 at River Valley. River Valley and Bridgman are checking to see if they can contribute any money towards the classes.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Schrader, to support \$530 for 4 hours of water safety training in River Valley School District and to see if other schools wanting to participate would be willing to donate \$100.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Hall reported that the River Valley Principal would like to collaborate to do some sort of event for Arbor Day/ Earth Day. Hall and Taylor will work on a collaborative event.</p> <p>Hall reported that Chikaming Open Lands will be hosting a dog friendly hike at the Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rod on April 19th with a limited number of dogs able to attend. They would also like to use the parks in July for a “10 Trail Challenge” and “Munchin’ on the Preserve.”</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Hall, that Chikaming Open Lands be allowed to use the facilities at Harbert Road Preserve and Chikaming</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>MOTION FOR WATER SAFETY TRAINING</p> <p>MOTION TO ALLOW COL TO USE THE CHIKAMING PARK AND PRESERVE & HARBERT RD. PARK AND PRESERVE</p>

<p>Park and Preserve for the 10 Trail Challenge, the dog walk, and Munchin' on the Preserve so long as COL is responsible for the program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>A letter from Barbara Waise was read into the record expressing support for the Cherry Beach project.</p> <p>Fran Wersells asked why the Park Board budget was not posted on the website.</p> <p>Hall informed the board and public that there will be a Red Arrow Hwy. clean up on April 3rd at 1pm.</p> <p>Susan Phaelan stated that she loved the new Celebrate Chikaming idea and advised that a logo be created for the events so t will be more cohesive.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Moved Schrader, seconded Underhill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. CARRIED</p>	ADJOURNED
<p>MONDAY, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	NEXT MEETING
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	