



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, May 21, 2018

Chikaming Township Park Board Approved - Regular Meeting

Monday, May 21, 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 6:30 p.m.	Call to Order
Members present: Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Shelly Taylor, Kathy Sellers, Arthur Anderson, Deborah Hall-Kayler and Jill Underhill were present.	Roll Call
Approval of the meeting's agenda. Moved by Underhill, seconded by Reed, to approve the meeting agenda. CARRIED	AGENDA APPROVED
Motion to approve preceding April meeting minutes. Moved by Underhill, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of the April 23rd regular meeting. CARRIED Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the May 8th Special Meeting. CARRIED	MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MINUTES APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED
Sellers reported that the current Park Board balance is \$121,023.14.	Treasurer's Report
Many of the neighbors to Berrien Beach wrote thanking the board for handling the issues at the beach access.	Correspondence
Don Bridgeman was present to state that Harbert Beach is in the worst condition he has ever seen it with old buried stairs being unearthed from below the dunes and a stream running in the middle of the path from the stairs. Reed offered to review and address the situation with Bridgeman. David Stevenson wrote to the board that he would not be pursuing the adult exercise equipment at this time. A committee of Underhill, Reed and Sellers were appointed by Hall to continue to learn about the proposal.	Public Comment

<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that there is much wire exposed from past year’s snow fencing being exposed with the continued erosion.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Schrader reported that her beach event will be June 2nd and she would like people to attend.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill reported that Oldenberg excavation did the work there to correct the erosion issues. She added that there will be a future risk with the county drain potentially continuing to cause future erosion problems.</p> <p>Miller Beach – Hall reported that some of the debris at the beach was removed.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor reported that the structure at the beach needs staining.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Arthur had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Hall reported that Josh Higgins cleaned the beach.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. –Taylor reported that there were two cars parked at the preserve after hours.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Underhill reported that the new dog waste bin has been installed at the dog park. Underhill also expressed concern that the paint on the bleachers is badly chipping and some of the boards may need replacing. Sellers informed the board that TDK added 2 trees to shade the playground and may be adding one more.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Sellers and Underhill provided updates on the waste management contract for the parks and beaches. They informed the board that Republic Services seemed to be the ideal option as they were much cheaper than the previous service. The monthly savings will be about \$600 per month with the new provider and a special holiday pickup fee will be \$45 for all trash receptacles.</p> <p>Hall reported that the Passport Grant Committee met with Abonmarche. The meeting went well and the engineering firm will be addressing the project with a strong ecological focus.</p> <p>Schrader reported that the Cherry Beach project is moving along well. Dragonfly Firm has been hired to consult on the project. They were awarded a \$250,000 matching grant by the Carls Foundation.</p> <p>Underhill reported on the social media progress. She informed the board that she boosted a post for the River Valley Garden Club Plant Sale and 2,518 people ended up seeing the post.</p> <p>Hall reported that Celebrate Chikaming planning is well underway. An event at the township will be held in September or October. She announced that she will be hosting an event in collaboration with the Michigan Blue Bird Association on June 16th.</p> <p>Taylor reported that she plans to facilitate booking the Harbert Community Ball Park for little league use. It was advised that the field be made level so that it could also be used for the rink. Reed and Schrader were appointed to a committee to review where the best</p>	<p>Old Business</p>

location for the skating rink would be considering the volleyball court and baseball field.	
<p>Josh Higgins will not be available to work as the Cherry Beach attendant every weekend needed during the summer. Sherry Curry came forth to introduce herself and express interest in helping to fill in on days that Higgins is not available. Curry stated that she has been visiting the beach for 49 years.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, that Sherry Curry be hired under the terms of understanding.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Several of the Park Board members attended a Microsoft Onedrive seminar at the Bridgman Public Library.</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Underhill, to approve a \$250 donation to the Bridgman Public Library for their educational seminars.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>MOTION TO HIRE SECOND CHERRY BEACH ATTENDANT</p> <p>MOTION TO DONATE TO THE BRIDGMAN LIBRARY</p>
There were no public comments at this time.	Public Comment
Moved Underhill, seconded Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M. CARRIED	ADJOURNED
MONDAY, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.	NEXT MEETING
Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed	