



## Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, June 25, 2018

### Chikaming Township Park Board Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting

Monday, June 25, 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.  Hall asked that a blank spot be removed at 6:34. The 7:08 Trail of Trees discussion was also removed. The 8:02 time slot was combined with the 7:30 Celebrate Chikaming discussion. Agenda items were added including a review of the June 14th Township Meeting minutes, a June police update, a memorandum of understanding by Anderson, and a correspondence regarding Cherry Beach from Michael Smith.  <b>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Anderson, to approve the meeting agenda as amended.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>	<b>AGENDA APPROVED</b>
Motion to approve preceding May meeting minutes.  <b>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of the May regular meeting.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>	MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES  <b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>
Sellers reported that the current Park Board balance is \$109,897.79 after monthly expenses have been removed.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
Brian Kern sent an email expressing that Sherry Curry, the new Cherry Beach attendant, is doing a great job.  Casey Struecker wrote to the board informing them that the #10 Trail Challenge is now happening through July.  Al Nuti wrote the board expressing that he thought the bluebird event was fun and informative.	<b>Correspondence</b>

<p>The River Valley Garden Club corresponded that the annual plant sale was a huge success.</p> <p>Pete White informed the board that he sold his business and the new owner, Ron Rulvin, will be taking over his accounts.</p>	
<p>Fran Wersells came forth to express concern over the way the Berrien Beach drain issue is being resolved. She questioned whose responsibility it is to maintain the drain and expressed that it is important to gain better clarity on how issues in the future will be handled.</p>	Public Comment
<p><b>Harbert Beach</b> – Reed reported that he and Don Bridgeman met at the access to dig a trench under the stairs routing water away from eroding the access. They also put up signs and a light, temporary rope to keep people off the dunes. PVC pipe was put over existing T-posts to protect people from being injured by the posts.</p> <p><b>Cherry Beach</b> – Sherry Curry and Josh Higgins have been providing daily written reports of their time serving as beach attendants.</p> <p><b>Berrien Beach</b> – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Miller Beach</b> – Hall had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>McKinley Beach</b> – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Townline Beach</b> – Anderson reported that he picked up trash at townline beach.</p> <p><b>Pier St. Beach</b> – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd.</b> –Taylor is working on educational sign replacement. Genesis Signs made the previous signs but are out of business.</p> <p><b>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve</b> – Hall hand nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Harbert Community Park</b> – Underhill reported that the Adventures in Reading event was a success and the next one will be July 21st. It was boosted on Facebook and seen by 1,486 people. Underhill informed the board that Andy and Mary Brown of Hearthwoods will be donating furniture to the Welcome Pavillion in stages. Hall reported that the bleachers were pressure washed but need further painting and repair. She will get quotes for the project. Taylor reported that the first baseball practice on the ballfield went well.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports
<p>Positive feedback was provided regarding Reliable Waste Management. The public has been using the recycling bins for trash.</p> <p><b>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, that Reliable remove all recycling bins and replace them with trash bins.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Sellers - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Underhill - Aye, Reed - Aye, Schrader - Aye, Hall - Aye, Anderson - Aye</p> <p>Sellers met with Kim Swartz at the township to update the parks information on the website. It should now be correct.</p> <p>Reed put up the volleyball nets at the Harbert Community Park. The posts will require an additional sleeve so that they can be removed in the future. Reed suggested that the township consider updating the</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p>MOTION TO SWAP RECYCLING BINS FOR TRASH BINS</p>

<p>website for an additional \$60/ year so that a calendar can be added for scheduling use of courts.</p> <p>Reed and Taylor cleaned up the small baseball storage shed at the Harbert Community Park. Reed and Hall will clean the other storage shed the Saturday after the 4th of July. They invited any other volunteers interested in helping to meet them there.</p> <p>Schrader reported that the Cherry Beach Committee has been making great progress and the next meeting will be Saturday at 10:00 A.M. at the township hall. Two matching grants have been awarded. Greenbush will host a party on July 20th for the initiative. Pledges can be submitted until October. Schrader reported that the beach hike was a success with 29 attendees. She asked that the secretary send a letter to Shelly Taylor's son Carson thanking him for using his drone to take photographs.</p> <p>Township Treasurer Liz Rettig informed the board that they cannot make donations. A motion from the previous meeting was read as follows:</p> <p><i>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Underhill, to approve a \$250 donation to the Bridgman Public Library for their educational seminars.</i></p> <p><b>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Schrader, to rescind the motion to donate to the Bridgman Public Library made in the previous meeting.</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Sellers - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Underhill - Aye, Reed - Aye, Schrader - Aye, Hall - Aye, Anderson - Aye</p>	
<p>The township provided their minutes to the Park Board so that they could review the new "Code Red" program.</p> <p>Anderson shared his proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the board with its purpose being to help formalize the process for sharing expenses at Townline Beach with New Buffalo. The board suggested a few minor suggestions to the language. Schrader stated that she has heard that the Road Commission may be responsible for 1/3 of the ownership.</p> <p><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Sellers, that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chikaming Township Park Board and New Buffalo Township, created by Anderson, be approved with amendments to language.</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Sellers - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Underhill - Aye, Reed - Aye, Schrader - Aye, Hall - Aye, Anderson - Aye</p>	<p>New Business</p>

<p>Michael Smith wrote to the board after removing a section of the split rail fence at Cherry Beach to put a path in. He informed the board that he has small children who use the path and his neighbors also use it.</p> <p>Underhill expressed concern that Smith did not ask permission to remove the section of fence and add the path. Sellers agreed that it was rude and not permissible. The board was informed that “STOP” signs are being placed at the Cherry Beach entrance to slow cars for pedestrians. Taylor observed that the fence looks nice but permission should have been obtained as actions such as this set a bad precedent. Hall informed the board that Smith does rent out his home.</p> <p>The decision was postponed until July.</p> <p>The June police report was reviewed. There were 8 verbal warnings issued for alcohol, glass and dogs.</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that she will be on Channel 16 news the following morning and the board gave her permission to discuss the Cherry Beach project.</p>	
<p>Fran Wersells stated that Michael Smith should have been in attendance of the meeting if it was important to him. She added that there is a similar issue at Miller Beach with a neighbor messing up the Park Board landscaping.</p> <p>John Gunner Gooch reminded the board that they need to consider when to do a prescribed prairie burn.</p>	Public Comment
<p><b>Moved Hall, seconded Schrader, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. CARRIED</b></p>	ADJOURNED
<p>MONDAY, July 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	NEXT MEETING
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	