



## Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, July 23, 2019

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

Monday, July 23, 2019 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 6:32 p.m.	Call to Order
Members present: Deborah Hall-Kayler, Jill Underhill, Arthur Anderson, Janet Schrader, Joseph Reed, Kathy Sellers and Shelly Taylor were present.	Roll Call
Approval of the meeting's agenda.  <b>Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sellers, to approve the meeting agenda.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>	<b>AGENDA APPROVED</b>
Motion to approve preceding June regular meeting minutes.  Taylor requested that the wording regarding cell phone signals be changed on the 3rd page to reflect that an ordinance is in place instead of a plan.  <b>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Underhill, to approve the minutes of the June regular meeting as amended.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>	MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES     <b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>
Sellers presented the treasurer's report. The account balance is currently \$95,924.29.  Sellers urged everyone to get their wishlist done for review at the September meeting with a goal to have a budget by December.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
Hall acknowledged local resident Joe Cipek for all of his assistance at Harbert Beach working on the stairs.  David Bunte wrote to the board to inform them that Skill Benders will be working with the township to develop their 5 year plan and he is inviting a member of the Park Board to participate in the August 8th meeting. Schrader volunteered to attend.  Hall shared an email from Ben Zimmont regarding a conversation he had with Zoning Administrator Van Thornton about removing the stairs at Harbert Beach and replacing them with a footpath. Reed expressed concern about erosion from all the traffic if a footpath was put in.	<b>Correspondence</b>

<p>Anna Zulkowski wrote to the board to state that a landscaper was hired for 4 hours to clean Berrien Beach since visitors felt it was important to remove debris. She also informed the board that there is plenty of poison ivy at the entrance to the beach. Schrader suggested a “thank you” be sent.</p> <p>Holly Huff wrote to the board requesting to reserve the beach for a wedding. Hall responded that the beach cannot be reserved. Schrader is currently working on a form to reserve the beaches and park properties.</p>	
<p>Sherry Curry informed the board that two weeks ago a spontaneous wedding took place at Cherry Beach.</p> <p>Dave Stevens informed the board that he had recently been to Harbert Beach where the water is up to the stairs and there is no beach at all to sit on. He questioned why the board doesn’t just close the beach in situations such as that.</p> <p>Josh Higgins suggested the board consider a way to communicate to beach goers when they should be more cautious. Mark Strauss suggested a QR code at the beach that could be connected to an alert system.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Mark Strauss and Dave Stevens came forth to give a special presentation on disc golf. Strauss informed the board that Michigan is the 4th most popular destination for disc golf. He also explained that disc golf is an activity that is great for physical and mental health with a low barrier for entry.</p> <p>Strauss then shared the idea of putting in a disc golf course at the Chikaming Park and Preserve. He informed the board that he thought the project could be completed with no cost to the township. Stevens stated that he could participate by securing grants for the project. Strauss estimated that the full cost of the project would be about \$20,000 and 30 acres would be needed.</p> <p>Hall suggested that the course be discussed at the August meeting and possibly voted on. Anderson and Shelly formed a committee to research the topic before the next meeting.</p>	Special Presentation
<p><b>Harbert Beach</b> – Reed had nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>Cherry Beach</b> – Sellers reported to the board on the most recent update around requesting a variance for the garbage can enclosure. She informed the board that a decision on the variance was tabled until the board provides the board of appeals with a site plan.</p> <p><b>Berrien Beach</b> – Underhill had nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>Miller Beach</b> – There was nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>McKinley Beach</b> – Taylor had nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>Townline Beach</b> – Anderson had nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>Pier St. Beach</b> – Sellers reported that the access remains closed.</p> <p><b>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd.</b> – Anderson had nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve</b> – Hall had nothing additional to report.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports

<p><b>Harbert Community Park</b> – Hall reported about the status of the grant project. Underhill reported that Olsen electric will install a new electric panel in the concession stand and then the fountain will be placed in the pond.</p>	
<p>The board discussed the possibility of taking a month off during the winter. Schrader stated that she feels an office administrator for the board should be considered. Hall suggested that such a position be added to the wishlist.</p> <p>The board then reviewed standing committees and assignments.</p> <p>Hall shared with the board the list of maintenance requirements and their dates that she has been working on. Todd Taylor informed the board that there are many local sports teams that would like to put in volunteer time.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that on June 26th the stairs were reattached at Harbert Beach at a cost of \$2,200.</p> <p><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Underhill, to ratify a change to the Harbert Beach Stairs to enable them to be used by the public by Fourth of July weekend at a cost of \$2,200.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Hall updated the board on the grant project at the Harbert Community Park. She explained that instead of an overlook and board walk the plan is now to add an ADA path and 2 parking spots along with plantings. This change has been approved by the DNR. Hall informed the board that the project has been subject to two rebid fees at a cost of \$1,500 each so a total of \$3,000.</p> <p><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Sellers, to ratify a change in scope of the Harbert Community Park plan to accommodate ADA requirements, as outlined in the Master Plan, this change requires that the board agree to spend an additional \$1,500 out of the grant allotment to reengineer the pricing on this change of the planned project.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	Old Business
<p>There was no new business at this time.</p>	New Business
<p>Higgins informed the board that someone suggested dust control at the Cherry Beach entrance and parking lot.</p> <p>Todd Taylor informed the board that the Harbert Community Park ball field was recently used for baseball practice and he would like to see some games played there in the future.</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that the mountain bike trail is 6.8 miles which makes it a destination trail.</p>	Public Comment
<p><b>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 P.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	ADJOURNED



Monday, August 26, at 6:30 P.M.	NEXT MEETING