



**Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, August 22, 2016**

Chikaming Township Park Board  
Regular Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Chikaming Township Hall  
13535 Red Arrow Hwy  
Harbert, MI 49115

*Approved*

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<p>EnRico Heirman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Karen Tarpley, Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Kathy Sellers, Shelly Taylor, and EnRico Heirman were present.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p><b>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda for the August 22nd meeting.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>AGENDA APPROVED</b></p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding July regular meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Moved by Tarpley, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes of the July regular meeting.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>MINUTES APPROVED</b></p>
<p>Heirman informed the board that he received a note from the Rotary Club regarding their annual mum sale. Those interested may order mums through the Rotary Club. They are selling pots for \$6.50 each to be delivered on August 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Heirman stated that he was contacted by Jeff Haas. Haas informed Heirman that he would like to place a memorial bench honoring his friend, Daniel Hamilton, at either Pier or Harbert Beach. The bench will be created by Hearthwoods. The board determined that Pier Street would be a nice location for the bench. Heirman will meet with Sellers to determine an exact location. The board also discussed the possibility of planting a tree in memorial of Jeanne Dudeck.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>
<p>Sellers reported that the board currently has \$,47,859 remaining in this year's budget. She added that she was told that category headers would be added to the report by the next meeting.</p> <p>Sellers added that \$3,965 of expenses have yet to come out of this month's budget.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>
<p>Jill Underhill was present to express interest in filling the current Park Board vacancy. She stated that she has been a township resident for</p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>



the past 13 years and cares about the community. Underhill added that she has a legal background.

**Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, that Jill Underhill be recommended to the Township Board to fill the Park Board vacancy for a vote at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Township Board meeting.**

**CARRIED**

MOTION TO RECOMMEND UNDERHILL TO FILL THE PARK BOARD VACANCY

Townline Beach - Schrader stated that she would like to make some further improvements to the access including a handicap port-a-john. She will present further on these thoughts at the November meeting. She continued that a neighbor continues to use the trash bins for personal garbage.

McKinley Beach Access – Nothing new to report.

Miller Beach Access– Schrader reported that the lock has been missing from the gate at the access point for the past two weeks. Due to rain the painting of the building at the beach access was delayed. Heirman reported that the hope is to have it painted in the coming week. Tarpley reported that she noticed holes have been drilled into the railing at the beach for hooks to hold equipment for cleaning the beach. She furthered that on one of the buckets it says the purpose of the tools is to clean up debris from fires. Tarpley expressed that she would like the equipment removed since fires at the beach are illegal and the message on the bucket may be confusing. Heirman suggested that Tarpley discuss the tools and their removal with Fran Wersells as she may know who installed them.

Berrien Beach Access – Schrader stated that she discussed tree trimming with Bruce Gramh who suggested the trees be trimmed in the autumn. Schrader furthered that it was difficult to determine what needed to be trimmed. She will connect Hannah Mateij with the tree trimmer to discuss what needs to be trimmed further. Police tape was put around the drain. The possibility of putting up signage to notify the public that the drain water may be dangerous was discussed.

Pier Street Beach – Nothing new to report.

Cherry Beach – Nothing new to report.

Harbert Beach – Nothing new to report.

Warren Woods Park and Preserve – Nothing new to report.

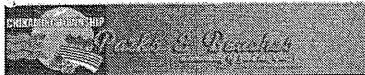
Harbert Road Park and Preserve – Nothing new to report.

Harbert Community Park – Heirman reported that new mulch has been placed at the playground. Heirman also discussed the planting of three new trees to shade the playground in the autumn with TDK. The possibility of adding a sand volleyball court was also discussed. TDK suggested that 12 yards of sand be installed for the court at a cost of

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<p>\$600. A net and poles could then be installed for summer use and then removed for the winter ice rink. Heirman estimated that the total cost of the court would be \$800.</p> <p><b>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Taylor, to budget no more than \$1,000 to be spent on sand, a net, and poles for a new sand volleyball court at a location to be determined.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>MOTION TO PURCHASE MATERIALS FOR NEW SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT</p>
<p>Heirman reported that the rotary club is currently determining the best location to source concrete for the new pavilion at the Harbert Community Park.</p> <p>Schrader reported that the ice rink committee had a productive meeting. She added that Rich Sullivan suggested the concession stand be insulated to protect the skates and a lock be installed on the door to access them. Taylor added that the skates are being purchased at a cost between \$25 - \$50 a pair. She also asked that it be placed in the paper that the board is accepting skate donations.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>
<p>Taylor presented a plan to better manage potential problems at the beaches. She shared signage that will be posted by Labor Day at each beach. She continued that a police officer will be designated on Labor Day to patrol the beaches specifically. Sellers stated that word needs to get out that the police are ensuring laws are followed at the beaches and access points.</p> <p>Taylor stated that the cost for the extra officer to patrol beaches on Labor Day will be \$1,000. She asked if the board is willing to cover this expense.</p> <p><b>Moved by Tarpley, seconded by Schrader, that an officer be hired to patrol the beaches on Labor Day at an amount not to exceed \$1,050.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Heirman reported that he met with Bob Ford to discuss several thoughts on improvements at the Harbert Community Park. He continued that they discussed several points such as handicap accessibility, trails, and a potential splash pad.</p> <p>Heirman informed the board that he wrote a letter to the property owner adjacent to Cherry Beach. Sellers stated that the title search has not yet been completed. It was also determined that the possibility of the county surveyor visiting Cherry Beach to do an official survey of the property needs to be perused. Schrader stated that it is important that the whole parcel be surveyed to understand the actual size of Cherry Beach. She added that there had been a previous lawsuit involving Cherry Beach and documents involving the case should be reviewed.</p> <p>Heirman suggested that a workshop take place with an attorney at the</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>MOTION TO HIRE AN OFFICER TO PATROL BEACHES OVER LABOR DAY</p>



next meeting to discuss legal questions further.	
No public comments at this time.	Public Comment
<b>Moved Tarpley, seconded Schrader, to adjourn meeting at 9:18 p.m. CARRIED</b>	ADJOURNED
MONDAY, September 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.	NEXT MEETING
Minutes submitted by Jessica Miller	