



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, February 22, 2016

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Regular Meeting**

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

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<p>Park Board Chairman EnRico Heirman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Joseph Reed, EnRico Heirman, Janet Schrader, Kathy Sellers, Shelly Taylor, and Chris Thompson were present. Karen Tarpley was absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Heirman requested that item #10 be moved to item #6.</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda for the February 22nd meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding January regular meeting minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schrader, to approve the minutes of the January 25th regular meeting. Due to their nonattendance at the prior meeting, Taylor and Sellers abstained from the vote.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Arthur Anderson was present to report on the status of the planting field's financials and application process. He mentioned that Sherry Pesce volunteered to be the treasurer and manage the account for the group. Anderson continued that applications to obtain a lot in the planting area will still be collected at the township office.</p>	<p>Planting Fields Update</p>
<p>Heirman reported that the board received a correspondence from Tom Hackley commending the board on their great progress with the new dog park shelter and supporting the hiring of Bob Ford to further plan the layout of the park.</p> <p>Heirman mentioned that he received a correspondence from Arthur Anderson expressing interest in joining the Park Board.</p> <p>Heirman stated that he received correspondence from Karen Fitzner expressing appreciation for the new dog park shelter. Fitzner also mentioned that she enjoys the ice rink and has used it three times.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>

<p>Keneth Harrf sent the board a note expressing appreciation for the new dog park shelter. He included a donation for the park as well.</p> <p>Heirman stated that he received an email from Theresa Priest regarding training opportunities. Priest advised that the board add a line item to their budget for training costs and another for mileage.</p> <p>Schrader mentioned that the park board received a correspondence from Steve and Kathy Buldarf, residents south of Cherry Beach, requesting another DEQ hearing for the proposed development adjacent to Cherry Beach. Thompson reported that he has heard back from Ben Zimont regarding the proposed development. Zimont stated that further review of the project is on hold until the spring when the applicant's agents will do field work to review possible endangered species on the premise.</p>	
<p>Sellers reported that the board currently has \$29,216 remaining in their budget for the year.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>There was no public comment at this time.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Townline Beach - Nothing new to report.</p> <p>McKinley Beach Access – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach Access– Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Berrien Beach Access – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Pier Street Beach – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Beach – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Warren Woods Park and Preserve – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Road Park and Preserve – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Nothing new to report.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Thompson reported that progress is being made on the dam inspection. He continued that the new cap for the drain will widen the opening from 1.5" to 3" and will cost about \$100. He added that he should be able to install it himself.</p> <p>Heirman reported that the dog park shelter is nearly done. A few minor additions need to be made to the metal roof. Sand was added to the park for visitors and existing holes were filled in. A 4"x4" board was also added to fix the gap under the gate to the small dog park section.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>

The board continued discussions regarding improvements to Harbert Community Park. Heirman stated that the contractor that built the dog park shelter at a hugely discounted rate, Corey Busch, provided the requested quotes for additional improvements. He reminded the board that Busch quoted \$2,480 to trim out the existing park sign, and \$4,880 to trim the existing pavilion. Busch nearly donated the entire dog park shelter and reduced his cost for the Carl Sandburg pavilion significantly.

Sellers stated that she likes the current design style for the park and she thinks continuing to hire Busch to make the existing structures more cohesive is a great idea. She also suggested that the board consider adding a green metal roof to the existing pavilion to match the roof at the dog park at some point. Schrader suggested Davidson be asked what he thought of the current status of the roof since he recently made repairs to the chimney caps.

Moved by Sellers, seconded by Schrader, that Busch be hired to rehab the existing sign structure and current pavilion per his proposed scope of work at a cost not to exceed a total of \$7,500 for both projects.

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE SIGN AND PAVILLION ENHANCEMENTS AT HARBERT COMMUNITY PARK

Reed reported that, in collaboration with Schrader and Amy Coleman, he was able to submit the Mini Heart of Cook grant by the February 15th deadline. Heirman added that he has already began talking with sporting goods stores to arrange the best possible cost for ice skates.

Schrader reported that she felt the ice rink had a successful year. She mentioned that several popular Saturday night events were held there. One had over 50 visitors in attendance.

Heirman mentioned to the board that landscape architect Bob Ford was able to reduce his quote to \$2,850 to design an ADA compliant pathway to the existing structures and submit a grant proposal to the DNR.

Ford informed the board that they would need to have a hearing for the grant noticed in the paper the following day. He continued that the township board would need to hold a public hearing to inform the community about the grant.

After much deliberation the board determined that the timeline for the grant would be too short this year. Thompson suggested that the board still discuss future plans for the park with Ford. Sellers recommended that a master plan for Harbert Community Park be created in time for the public to review at the Taste of Chikaming event.

Heirman informed the board that election material for the coming year's election is ready. He encouraged any member with questions about running to contact Clerk Paula Dudiak.

New Business

No public comments at this time.

Public Comment



Moved Taylor, seconded Schrader, to adjourn meeting at 9:30 p.m. CARRIED	ADJOURNED
MONDAY, March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.	NEXT MEETING
Minutes submitted by Jessica Miller	