



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, January 25, 2016

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Regular Meeting**

Monday, January 25, 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, and Chris Thompson were present.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda for the January 25th meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding December regular meeting minutes.</p> <p>Schrader asked that under "correspondence" on page 1, it be noted that she was not the one that received the note from Lakeland Health Clinic regarding the ice rink as it was addressed to the park board.</p> <p>Moved by Reed, seconded by Thompson, to approve minutes of the December Park Board meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion to approve the January 4th special meeting minutes.</p> <p>Schrader asked that the date during which Greenbush has volunteered to host the ice rink party be changed from "February 13" to "February 6."</p> <p>Moved by Thompson, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes of the January 4th special meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Thompson shared with the board the information Merritt Engineering provided regarding the dam at the Warren Woods Park and Preserve. Merritt thought the dam was in good condition. The biggest problem they observed was that, when Oldenburg Excavation completed the last drain repairs, a smaller site cap was installed. The previous cap had been about 3" and that size was reduced to 1". Thompson continued that the grate is simple to replace at a cost of about \$60 and it will</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>

<p>greatly improve the current situation.</p> <p>Heirman mentioned that the board received a request for a beach wedding. He continued that a better process should be established for handing these types of requests in the future. Schrader stated that the past procedure was to neither deny nor approve wedding requests as the beaches are public space. However, in the future she would like to see the list of ordinances sent to people who do make this type of request.</p> <p>Fran Wersells sent a correspondence to the board. She mentioned that she has found an interesting design that might work well for the proposed stump carving at McKinley Beach and she will share it at the February meeting.</p> <p>Heirman stated that Lakeshore Recycling contacted him to let him know that there is currently a grant available that would place recycling bins at the park locations. Schrader expressed concern that more bins mean more household trash.</p> <p>Schrader stated that the River Valley PE teacher, Amy Coleman, has contacted her suggesting that the board apply for the Heart of Cook Grant to request additional ice skates that the local schools could use. Schrader added that electrician, Greg Olson, has agreed to look at the lights at the rink to consider the possibility of a timer. Heirman added that a safety light closer to the rink location has also been suggested.</p> <p>Schrader added that Coleman has expressed interest in an Earth Day trash pick-up field trip.</p>	
<p>Sellers was not present to review the report with the board. Heirman observed the board is well under budget this year.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Arthur Anderson, a member of the Planting Field Committee, reported that the garden club has decided to maintain their own check book but they would like the township to continue to collect applications. Anderson continued that the committee would still like to continue discussing liability risks in the future.</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>Beach/ Park Reports</p>



after review and consideration by the township board. CARRIED	
No public comments at this time.	Public Comment
Moved Thompson, seconded Schrader, to adjourn meeting at 9:32 p.m. CARRIED	ADJOURNED
MONDAY, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.	NEXT MEETING
Minutes submitted by Jessica Miller	