



**Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, September 26, 2016**

**Chikaming Township Park Board  
Regular Meeting**

Monday, September 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Chikaming Township Hall  
13535 Red Arrow Hwy  
Harbert, MI 49115

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<p>EnRico Heirman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Karen Tarpley, Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Kathy Sellers, Shelly Taylor, Jill Underhill 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 Schrader, seconded by Tarpley, to approve the agenda for the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>AGENDA APPROVED</b></p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding August regular meeting minutes.</p> <p>Heirman asked that the spelling of "Jeanne Dudeck" be corrected on the first page of the minutes. He also requested that "Warren Woods Park and Preserve" be updated to "Chikaming Park and Preserve."</p> <p><b>Moved by Tarpley, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting as amended. Underhill abstained.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p><b>MINUTES APPROVED</b></p>
<p>Sellers reported that \$38,127 has been spent thus far in the current budget. She added that about \$6,000 in expenditures is missing from that amount. Sellers continued that the board's access to previous year's leftover funds yet needs to be reviewed.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>
<p>Heirman informed the board that he was contacted by a concerned citizen following heavy rain at McKinnley Beach. The path to the beach had washed out and posed a major safety issue. Heirman contacted Oldenburg Excavating who was able to remedy the issue immediately. The total cost for the work was \$800.</p> <p>Tarpley informed the board that she was contacted by Fran Wersells who asked that the board consider a "beach host" program for high traffic weekends in the future. The volunteer could hand out flyers and make sure laws are being followed.</p> <p>Schrader stated that she received a phone call from Bruce Wexelberg who offered to donate a brand new picnic table. She continued that</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>

<p>the table was added to the Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd.</p> <p>Schrader informed the board that Kirk Schrader will be hosting a gathering at the Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. on October 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of a mountain bike trail.</p>	
<p>Angela Reichert from the Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative was present to explain to the board that the sculpture at the Harbert Community Park is on loan from the Krasal Art Center and will be removed in 2018. She continued that the sculpture is there at no cost but the piece in front of the township is rented by the facility.</p> <p>David Bunte was present to introduce himself as a candidate for township supervisor in the upcoming election. He invited the board members to contact him if they have any questions.</p> <p>Deborah Hall Taylor came forth to state that she is running for the Park Board as a write-in candidate. Heirman noted that the write-in candidates for the election will be Jill Underhill, Deborah Hall Taylor, Arthur Anderson, and himself.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Heirman asked that board members come prepared to the next meeting with a full status report on their assigned properties.</p> <p>Townline Beach - Schrader had nothing new to report.</p> <p>McKinley Beach Access – Shelly had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach Access– Tarpley had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Berrien Beach Access – Underhill was newly assigned to oversee the access point.</p> <p>Pier Street Beach – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Heirman had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Beach – Reed had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve – Schrader reported that someone threw the bench that used to be on the trail far out into the pond.</p> <p>Harbert Road Park and Preserve – Heirman reported that Jen Thompson mentioned she would like to participate in overseeing the preserve.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Heirman shared the new plan prepared by Bob Ford under “Old Business.”</p>	Beach/ Park Reports
<p>Taylor reported that the articles in the newspaper highlighting the extra law enforcement on beaches over Labor Day were positively received. She added that her visit to the beach over the holiday weekend was</p>	Old Business

pleasant.

Heirman stated that since the season is coming to an end the construction of volleyball courts at Harbert Community Park will be postponed. This will also help ensure the board remains within the year's budget.

Taylor reported that she met with an electrician at Harbert Community Park. He informed her that he can add a timer and repair outlets for a heater to facilitate the skating rink at a cost of \$1,170. Heirman suggested that the rink committee have a separate meeting to further confirm what needs to be done to have the rink prepared for the upcoming winter season. Underhill suggested that the marketing for the rink be a bigger focus.

Heirman shared an updated Harbert Community Park plan with the board. It was prepared by landscape architect Bob Ford. Ford suggested that the board seek a grant for better handicap accessible trails in the coming year. Schrader suggested that a path connecting the park to the township hall property be considered. Schrader also recommended that the future splash pad be used as an opportunity to teach better water safety.

Heirman reported that Corey Busch plans to start work on the concession stand roof in October.

Heirman reported that Trail of Trees signage is being produced. He suggested that a workshop with an attorney be arranged to better understand the process for accepting donations and funding. A red bud tree was determined to be the best variety to be planted in memorial of Jeanne Dudeck

Heirman stated that he received a letter back from Biedler regarding the property adjacent to Cherry Beach. Biedler informed Heirman that he had met with former park board members and the group decided then not to go forward with discussions of acquiring his property. He expressed willingness to communicate further if something has changed since the original conversation. It was determined that members of the former park board need to be asked about the details of their decision. A Cherry Beach committee consisting of Heirman, Sellers and Schrader was formed.

It was reported that TDK is going to seal the decks and railings at the beach access points. Schrader asked that he also seal the bench at the Townline access point.

Heirman informed the board that he inquired with Warner about the possibility of hosting a debate night to better understand candidate's intentions for the coming term.

**Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, that Reed be appointed as**

New Business

**REED APPOINTED CORRESPONDING**

<p><b>corresponding secretary. Roll call vote as follows:</b>  <b>Sellers – Aye</b>  <b>Tarpley –Aye</b>  <b>Underhill – Aye</b>  <b>Taylor – Aye</b>  <b>Heirman – Aye</b>  <b>Schrader – Aye</b></p>	<p><b>SECRETARY</b></p>
<p>Bunte stated that he had also asked Warner to consider having a debate between the two supervisor candidates but did not receive a response.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p><b>Moved Sellers, seconded Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Miller</p>	