



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, February 27, 2017

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Regular Meeting**

Monday, February 27, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Chikaming Township Hall
13535 Red Arrow Hwy
Harbert, MI 49115

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<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Deborah Hall-Kayler, Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Shelly Taylor, and Jill Underhill were present. Kathy Sellers and EnRico Heirman were absent.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Approval of the meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, to approve the agenda for the February 27th regular meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding January regular and special meeting minutes.</p> <p>Hall asked that on the second page of the regular meeting minutes, "DEQ" be changed to "DNR."</p> <p>Schrader requested that the portion about the rink shade be removed.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the January regular meeting as amended.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes of the January special meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Reed observed that the treasurer's report currently lists that there is \$7,155 remaining in the budget which will end March 31st.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Schrader reported that she has been corresponding with Tom's Plumbing. They have repaired the frost free faucet at Harbert Community Park. Schrader continued that Tom's Plumbing has turned the water on and off at the park locations for the past few years. Prior to this the water department did it and she would like to find out if they would be willing to do this once again so that a plumber does not need to be called.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>

<p>John Gooch suggested that the water topic be addressed at the utility board meeting that takes place following the township board meeting.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that during his last visit he observed the fence on the south side of the access was in the water and may prevent emergency equipment from passing. Schrader stated that she will get the DEQ law for review on fences and signage near the lake.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Schrader will order new Cherry Beach passes.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach – Hall had nothing new to report.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Schrader reported that she called the police and had a report written up regarding a fence on the property being broken by neighbors disposing of their yard waste on the park property. She continued that it is the third house from the lake on the left that seems to be causing the problems.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Hall reported that the overlook platform near the prairie is in need of repair. Taylor reported that beavers continue to be a problem.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Reed reported that the concrete was not installed properly at the new pavilion. It was poured around the posts which could cause major problems in the future. The board will secure quotes on what it might cost to remedy the mistake.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Reed reported that the budget meeting with the township board went well. He added that they have agreed to provide matching funds if the Park Board is able to secure a grant.</p> <p>Reed informed the board that the passport grant is currently in process.</p> <p>Schrader reported that she met with Supervisor David Bunte, Heirman, and Underhill to discuss Ordinance 126. Schrader will be writing up a procedure for the opening and closing of all gated park and beach access points. The board currently oversees 9 gates and they all share the same key. Schrader added that the DEQ provided some helpful information on the topic.</p> <p>Schrader reported that the mountain bike trails are underway at the Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. She continued that last Saturday 10 people participated in the first work day. They were able to finish half a mile of trail and log 56 hours of volunteer time. Schrader informed the board that she was contacted by Maureen Culp regarding a grant that is available for use in the community from the National Association of Realtors. She would like to pursue the grant to secure signage for the mountain bike trail.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader that the Park Board apply for a grant from the National Association of Realtors for funds to purchase signage for the new mountain bike trails. Seconded by Underhill.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>Old Business</p>

<p>Reed reported that the township is currently in the process of locating Cherry Beach survey information. Schrader added that she received verbal confirmation from the Road Commission that a road runs through the Cherry Beach parking lot.</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION</p>
<p>Hall informed the board that the date for the Celebrate Chikaming event will be July 22nd.</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>No public comments at this time.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Moved Schrader, seconded Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Miller</p>	