



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, July 24th, 2017

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Monday, July 24, 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 6:32 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: EnRico Heirman, Kathy Sellers, Deborah Hall-Kayler, Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Shelly Taylor, and Jill Underhill were present.</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 July 24th regular meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding meeting minutes.</p> <p>It was requested that on the second page of the June minutes "Schrader had nothing new to report" be changed to Heirman had nothing new to report" under the Cherry Beach report.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the preceding June meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers reported that the Celebrate Chikaming revenue is being reviewed and a full report will be given at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Richard Carlson wrote the board a note stating that he and his family members had a nice family gathering at the Harbert Community Park.</p> <p>Heirman informed the board that he received a correspondence from Mark Merino regarding his proposed art installment at Harbert Community Park. Heirman informed Murrino that the conversation could be resumed after the Celebrate Chikaming event.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>



<p>John Gunner Gooch stated that everyone did a nice job with the Celebrate Chikaming event.</p> <p>Township Supervisor David Bunte handed out a sign in sheet that will be part of a new process for payroll. He also thanked the board for their efforts with the Celebrate Chikaming event. Hall thanked Bunte for his hard work on the event.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Harbert Beach - Reed had nothing new to report. Cherry Beach - Schrader had nothing new to report. Berrien Beach - Underhill had nothing new to report. Miller Beach - Hall had nothing new to report. McKinley Beach - Taylor had nothing new to report. Townline Beach - Schrader reported that someone took the bucket used for beach cleanup. Pier St. Beach - Sellers had nothing new to report. Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. - Heirman reported that Asplund will be doing some trimming at the park and preserve. He suggested that it may be a good time to partner with them so that the trimming may be used as an access trail for maintenance. Heirman will meet with them to discuss this possibility further. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve - Hall reported that the garbage cans there have not been emptied for the past two months and there is still a green garbage can there that has been full since December. Harbert Community Park - Heirman reported that he met with the man who would like a “lending books” structure put up at the welcome pavilion. They would like the structure to have sheet metal like the roof and a pamphlet holder space. Heirman stated that the bottom bleacher at the ball field is being repaired and painted.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports

<p>Heirman reminded the board that beach cleanup tools should continue to be added at access points. He also encouraged them to build the beach ambassador program.</p>	<p>Old Business</p>
<p>Schrader stated that she feels the public needs to get involved with the Cherry Beach discussion. She suggested that an open house be held to gather public input.</p>	
<p>Moved Schrader, seconded Sellers, to schedule a special meeting regarding Cherry Beach and adjacent property to discuss updates and gather public input on August 28th at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to start afterwards no later than 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MOTION FOR SPECIAL MEETING</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, that the board recommend to Chikaming Open Lands, per their request, that the property adjacent to Cherry Beach or the property for sale adjacent to the Chikaming Park and Preserve be considered for the Chris Thompson memorial property.</p>	<p>MOTION TO RECOMMEND PROPERTIES TO CHIKAMING OPEN LANDS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>Heirman informed the board that he saw Norm Dudiak at the Celebrate Chikaming Event and he would like to proceed with the planting of a red bud tree in the honor of Jeanne Dudiak.</p>	
<p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, that an event take place on August 5th at 10:00 a.m. to honor Jeanne Dudiak and that a red bud tree be planted in memorial.</p>	<p>MOTION TO HAVE A MEMORIAL EVENT</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>Heirman will write a press release for the paper.</p>	
<p>Heirman stated that he would like to form a committee to oversee renovations to the Harbert Community Park baseball field. Heirman informed the board that he has connections that could provide funding for renovation. He continued that he would like to have 30 new concrete seats added to the baseball stands. Schrader questioned if the field will be self sufficient and raise revenue. Heirman responded that he has arranged similar projects in the past.</p>	
<p>Hall suggested that the project be managed in the same presentation and review process that Kirk Schrader used when the board was considering mountain bike trails. Reed agreed that it is important that the board be aware of the project details.</p>	
<p>Heirman stated that he would like to have a goal of finishing the field for next season.</p>	
<p>Taylor and Reed agreed to join a committee with Heirman to discuss future plans for the baseball field.</p>	



<p>Heirman suggested that all of the steps at the beaches be cleared of sand for more of a "Disney effect." Schrader stated that sand on the steps keep them less slippery when wet. Jess Reed suggested that the steps be cleared by TDK yearly prior to sealing them.</p> <p>A committee was formed with Heirman as chair to pursue arranging a Thursday night volleyball league.</p> <p>Sellers, Taylor and Heirman formed a committee to arrange movies in the park at the Harbert Community Park.</p> <p>Heirman presented the board with a quote to paint the handrail at Miller beach from Paul Perez. For sanding and painting the total would be \$1,250. Underhill expressed that the quote seemed high and that other options should be considered. Fran Wersells will be approached to see if she can arrange a community service day with local volunteers.</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, that the Park Board gather for a workshop at the Friendship Gardens at a date to be decided in August.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>MOTION FOR WORKSHOP AT FRIENDSHIP GARDENS</p>
<p>Schrader stated that she though the new seeding planted at Harbert Community Park looked professionally done.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Moved Schrader, seconded Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, August 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	