



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, June 26th, 2017

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 26, 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 Sellers, seconded by Hall, to approve the agenda for the June 26th regular meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding meeting minutes.</p> <p>It was asked that the name "Erinn" be updated to "Erin." Hall corrected that "Donkersloot" is the correct spelling of Jamie from C&A Arborists last name.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Sellers, to approve the minutes of the May 22nd meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers explained that the board has roughly \$74,000 remaining in their budget. At the time the report was generated there were outstanding bills for \$5,178.03 yet to be included and \$18,750 reserved for the grant.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Underhill suggested that full correspondence be shared with the board ahead of time so that meetings can be more efficient.</p> <p>The River Valley Garden club thanked the board for preparing the Harbert Community Park for their plant sale.</p> <p>The board received a correspondence from Fred Upton in regards to Asian Carp. Sellers suggested that Upton be invited to the Celebrate Chikaming Event.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Sellers, to allow Heirman to write a letter</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>MOTION TO ALLOW HEIRMAN TO WRITE</p>

<p>to Fred Upton addressing the Asian Carp issues.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Hall stated that Lee Strohl contacted the board to inform them that a walking path at the Chikaming Park and Preserve had become overgrown. TDK was contacted and removed the growth almost immediately.</p>	<p>TO UPTON REGARDING ASIAN CARP</p>
<p>Fran Wersells was present to applaud the board for considering a millage.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that the large support beams around the tree on the path to the beach were vandalized with paint. He added that the rip tide sign was also vandalized. Schrader volunteered to help Jessica Reed remove the damage.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Heirman had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach – Hall reported that TDK did a nice job cleaning up the walk way. She also questioned who is to be called to paint the railing there. Wersells added that she has witnessed much alcohol consumption and dog attendance at Miller Beach. She also observed that someone knocked down the “no parking” sign and there have been people parking on a private wooded lot in the surrounding area.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Schrader reported that the beach cleanup tools are hung up at the beach and ready for use. Sellers reported that New Buffalo agreed to reimburse the board for \$1,800 worth of shared costs to maintain the beach.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Heirman had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall reported that the trails were recently cleaned up but could use more mulch. She added that there is a wet spot around marker 15 that may need a bridge.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Heirman reported the poles are being constructed for the volleyball court. Underhill informed the board that she moved the small spruce tree from near the Sandburg memorial to adjacent to the sign. Reed suggested that the new trail around the outfield be seeded while it is still bare soil.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>Taylor reported that the school event to inform children about the dangers of drowning and Lake Michigan water safety was a huge success.</p> <p>Heirman shared new information flyers with the board.</p> <p>Cherry Beach attendant Josh Higgins was present to discuss his procedure for managing access to the parking at the beach.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that planning for the Celebrate Chikaming Event is progressing nicely. She estimated that \$13,000 has been</p>	<p>Old Business</p>



<p>secured in outside funding and matching grants thus far.</p> <p>Hall informed the board that Radio Harbor Country has 10 spots a month to feature special information about the Park Board. Schrader and Jessica Reed formed a committee to develop content for the radio spots.</p> <p>Heirman reported that the meeting with Erin Campbell went well. Campbell suggested that information relating to the past park board's grant proposal be requested via FOIA (Freedom of Information Act.)</p> <p>Hall stated the board that cleaning out the concession stand, water department building, and baseball shed are a priority.</p>	
<p>Underhill explained to the board that Harbert Market has offered to provide two new planters for Harbert Park at a discounted rate.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Hall, that the park board purchase two new planters from Harbert Garden Market for a reduced price of \$600. The proceeds of the Celebrate Chikaming are to help cover the cost.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>MOTION TO PURCHASE PLANTERS</p>
<p>Fran Wersells stated that she has witnessed a few bus loads of people arriving to Miller Beach and asked how she should approach them. Schrader answered that they cannot be restricted from using the beach but they should be informed there is no parking and no restrooms.</p> <p>Schrader reminded the board that a parade will take place in Lakeside on July 4th.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Moved Schrader, seconded Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, July 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	