



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, May 22, 2017

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Regular Meeting**

Monday, May 22, 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 6:33 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 Taylor, to approve the agenda for the May 22nd regular meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding meeting minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Schrader, to approve the minutes of the April 24th special meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p> <p>Underhill asked that "Fischer" be amended to "Fisher" in the April 24th regular meeting minutes.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Underhill, to approve the minutes of the April 24th regular meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Sellers, seconded by Schrader, to approve the minutes of the May special meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers explained that \$7,941.99 worth of bills have not yet been posted on the statement sent to the board. A majority of that amount is for the prairie burn. She added that \$100,608.05 remains in the year's budget.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Heirman reported that he received a note from John Searles suggesting that the board consider improvements to the park similar to that at Edge Adventures in South Bend's Rum Village.</p> <p>Garth Taylor provided a correspondence suggesting that the winter</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>

<p>climate is too warm and the skating rink should not be considered again unless it will have some sort of a cooling system. He also expressed that the welcome pavilion's placement is not ideal due to noise issues, and the evergreen tree in front of the Sandburg memorial should be moved before it gets too big and blocks the sign. Lastly Taylor informed the board that he never sees folks use the baseball field, thus, it should be turned into an area for something else.</p>	
<p>Jamie Donkersloot was present from C&A Arborists to discuss the planting of a tree at the Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. The board determined that the planting will take place on June 3rd. The day's events will start with the installation of signage for the Chris Thompson memorial trail at 9:30 a.m. The dedication for the bike trail will take place at 10:00 followed by the tree planting at 10:30, and a trail walk at 11:00.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that some posts have become exposed due to extreme erosion and they now pose a safety issue. 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 had nothing new to report. Sellers reported on a situation regarding splitting expenses with New Buffalo later in the meeting. Pier St. Beach – Sellers had nothing new to report. Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Heirman had nothing new to report. Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall had nothing new to report. Harbert Community Park – Heirman reported on several maintenance improvements.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports
<p>Heirman informed the board that great progress is being made for the Celebrate Chikaming event. Many local businesses have assisted in sponsoring the event.</p> <p>Heirman agreed to talk to, and train, Josh Higgins to work at entrance of Cherry Beach this year.</p> <p>Sellers stated that she spoke with Jack Rogers at New Buffalo Township regarding splitting bills for Townline Beach. He asked that the bills be approved ahead of time in the future. He also was not happy about the garbage pick up being a full year cycle. Heirman explained that having it picked up all year was actually less expensive than having seasonal garbage removal. Rogers also disagreed with some of the other split costs.</p> <p>Erin Campbell who works with the Passport Grant Program will visit the community on June 16th at 1 p.m. and cannot reschedule. Heirman will meet with her.</p> <p>Heirman informed the board that he received a few different quotes for</p>	Old Business

<p>maintenance activities at the Harbert Community Park. Specifically, to clean, paint, and tuck point the dugouts as well as power wash the scoreboard and dugouts. And lastly, the quote included costs to power wash and stain the small pavilion and sign with the total being around \$7,000. The board determined that it would be best to wait on the maintenance of the storage building portion of the quote but proceed with the other maintenance activities.</p> <p>Heirman received a quote of \$1,500 to add steps to the welcome pavilion at the Harbert Community Park. Schrader suggested that the steps be extended to 6 ft. in length. The board agreed that the longer length would be better and that the maintenance project should be moved forward with.</p> <p>Heirman informed the board that he received a quote of \$6,500 for sand to create volleyball courts at Harbert Community Park. Oldenberg reduced the cost to level the area from \$1,600 to \$250. Sellers suggested that Howard Excavating and Banke also be asked to bid on the project as they are local and reasonable in cost.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to allow for an amount up to \$6,000 for the purchase of sand, delivery, and installation for two volleyball courts.</p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Taylor – Aye Schrader – No Hall – Aye Heirman – Aye Reed- Aye Underhill – Aye Sellers – Aye</p>	<p>MOTION TO HAVE SAND PRUCHASED AND DELIVERED AT VOLLEYBALL COURTS</p>
<p>Heirman asked that the board consider the possibility of a community newsletter. Hall informed the board that they will be participating in radio Harbor Country which could also be a community outreach opportunity.</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 9:38 p.m. CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, June 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Miller</p>	