



Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2017

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Regular Meeting**

Monday, August 28, 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 6:42 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>Hall requested that the discussion of the ball field be postponed until the September meeting. Heirman requested that it stay on the agenda for a brief conversation.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Sellers, to approve the agenda for the August 28th regular meeting.</p> <p align="right">Hall abstained from the vote. CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding meeting minutes.</p> <p>Heirman requested that the spelling of "Merino" be corrected in Correspondence.</p> <p>On page 3 "Heirman" will replace "Hall" as the chair of the volleyball committee.</p> <p>Moved by Hall, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes of the July regular meeting.</p> <p align="right">CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</p> <p>MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>Sellers informed the board that they will need to proceed cautiously with spending. She continued that the Celebrate Chikaming event did not raise any money for the board. Sellers informed the board that \$39,135.74 remains in the budget.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
<p>Schrader informed the board that she will be leading a hike with the Harbor Country Hikers on September 17th from 7 p.m. until Sunset at Cherry Beach to clean up the property. She added that each of the beaches should continue to seek a host for the Great Lakes Alliance. The group studies pollution in the lake.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>



<p>Heirman informed the board that they received 3 cards from the Dudeck family.</p> <p>Heirman read a letter from Tom Stillman of Lakeside into the record.</p>	
<p>Fran Wersells stated that ornamental grasses at the Miller beach access are taking over the new plantings.</p>	Public Comment
<p>Harbert Beach – Reed reported that there has been terrible erosion at the beach due to high traffic on the dunes. He informed the board that he moved several buckets of sand up to the stairs to fix a major drop off and also put up signage asking people to stay off the dunes.</p> <p>Cherry Beach – Heirman reported that he put up his bucket and shovel for beach clean-up but someone took them.</p> <p>Berrien Beach – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Miller Beach – Hall reported that a broken rail at the beach was fixed but a resident thought it will need a support pillar. She added that beach cleanup tools and sign are in place. Heirman informed the board that he is having Oldenburg fix the rail. He also suggested that a community service person be considered to pain the white railing. Hall reported that there was a tree leaning at Miller beach and Heirman called TDK and Bruce Graham to have it removed at a cost of \$350 for 2 trees.</p> <p>McKinley Beach – Taylor had nothing new to report. Heirman reported that Oldenburg repaired some erosion at the access.</p> <p>Townline Beach – Schrader reported that a tree needs to be looked at near the top of the stairs.</p> <p>Pier St. Beach – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd. – Schrader reported that there has been a tremendous amount of activity on the mountain bike trails. Asplundh has agreed to exchange funds (instead of vouchers) to cover removal of trees on the property.</p> <p>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve – Hall reported that the green garbage can has been removed.</p> <p>Harbert Community Park – Heirman reported that the Dudeck event went well. Underhill reported that the little free library was successfully installed at the welcome pavilion.</p>	Beach/ Park Reports
<p>Hall reported on the Celebrate Chikaming event. She informed the board that a survey was preformed and 25 people provided responses thus far. She stated that expenses were not covered by event revenue but her understanding is that the township will cover the difference.</p> <p>Volunteers are being sought for the 2018 event.</p> <p>A proposed revision has been drafted to section 15 of the ordinance 126 and a new application has been created similar to the ZBA application for the opening of access gates at various park and beach properties.</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, that the three documents,</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p>MOTION TO REQUEST GATE PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENT APPROVAL</p>



<p>policy/ procedures, permit, and criteria be submitted to the township for review and approval.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>Heirman informed the board that he requested clarification on when minutes can be changed from attorney Hilmer. It was decided that Jess Reed will send the minutes to all board members when she sends them to the clerk.</p> <p>Reed informed the board that he feels the proposed walking trail at Harbert Community Park needs to be designed correctly with the proper trail material. He reminded the board that the attempted mulch trail was not well received by the maintenance people and it was not sustainable. Sellers included that it will be important to budget for a trail. Underhill expressed that she believes a trail needs to be constructed correctly.</p> <p>Schrader and Sellers agreed to meet to continue discussing the Trail of Trees memorial project.</p> <p>Heirman informed the board that he intends to have a more in-depth conversation about the ball field at the next meeting. He is putting together two different proposals, one for a functional field and one for an elite field.</p> <p>Heirman informed the board that it is important to make people aware of the Asian Carp issue.</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>No public comments at this time.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Moved Schrader, seconded Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	