



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

**Chikaming Township Park Board
Special Meeting**

Monday, August 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Chikaming Township Hall
13535 Red Arrow Hwy
Harbert, MI 49115

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Members present: EnRico Heirman, Kathy Sellers, Deborah Hall-Kayler, Joseph Reed, Janet Schrader, Shelly Taylor, and Jill Underhill were present.

Roll Call

Heirman opened the meeting by inviting the public to review several documents and material relating to Cherry Beach. He informed the public that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public feedback on their sentiments regarding Cherry Beach.

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Fran Wersells stated that she feels it is important to remember that it is in large part the beaches that draw people to the community.

Heirman then explained the process for applying and being evaluated for the DEQ Passport Grant. He added that input on how to gain additional funding to expand Cherry Beach is being sought.

Colleen Ruddy stated that it would be nice to see a beach with a handicap access. Phillip Ruddy suggested that the board contact the local municipality league (MTA) to inquire if they offer grant writing resources.

Leo Krusack observed that on weekends visitors to Cherry Beach spill onto adjacent property.

Sellers observed that it was great so many people attended the meeting but questioned a better process for gathering community input. A survey on the website was suggested to better poll the public.

Joanne Simms stated that her understanding was that the DNR grant has a cap of \$300,000. Heirman responded that he believes the Trust Fund does not have a limit.

A member of the public stated that cost is a major issue when considering possibly purchasing additional property. Jerry Kohn added that the Park Board should consider an inventory of their current property and evaluate what they would be adding to it by potentially gaining additional property. He furthered that it is important to



<p>consider how to improve the most with the least and he is not sure purchasing more beach would be a priority.</p> <p>Schrader invited the public to attend a Harbor Country Hikers beach cleanup meeting that will take place at Cherry Beach on September 17st from 7 p.m. until sunset.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ADJOURNED</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	