

Cherry Beach Expansion and Preservation Project

Park Board Special Meeting

FAQ

1. **What is the Cherry Beach Expansion and Preservation Project?** The project is a Township and community effort to evaluate the possibility of acquiring a tract of private land adjacent and south Cherry Beach Park. The owner of the property has recently put the parcel up for sale.
2. **Why is the meeting being held?** Two reasons: It is an opportunity for residents to share their opinion about the project and voice their support or concern. The meeting is also a requirement for the MNRTF (Michigan Department of Natural Resources) Grant we hope to pursue.
3. **When and where is the meeting?** **Saturday, February 24 at 1p. Chikaming Township office.**
4. **What is the MNRTF?** It is a type of grant offered through the state of Michigan that awards money to governmental entities for land acquisition or development based on the submission of a successful grant application. The grant is funded by royalties the State receives from the sale of gas and mineral rights.
5. **What else can I know about the MNRTF grant?** The grant submission deadline is April 1 and while work is already underway on the grant application, permission to go ahead is dependent on the Township's Board approval through a Resolution that will be voted upon on March 8.
6. **How much funding can we expect if we are awarded the grant?** The grant award will pay up to 75% of the agreed upon purchase price. The remaining 25% must be secured through donations and other grants.
7. **Will there be a presentation at the February 24th meeting and can I ask additional questions?** Yes. The Cherry Beach Committee will make a brief presentation as to why this grant is being sought. There will not be a formal q&a session.
8. **How do I learn more about this project?** Send an email to [**cherrybeachproject@gmail.com**](mailto:cherrybeachproject@gmail.com) with your contact information and someone will get back to you. It may take a few days as it is staffed by volunteers.
9. **How do I get involved in helping with this project?** Send an email to [**cherrybeachproject@gmail.com**](mailto:cherrybeachproject@gmail.com) with your contact information and someone will get back to you within a few days.