

Chikaming Township Park Board Regular Meeting - APPROVED

October 26, 2020

Electronic meeting via Zoom and In-Person

The October 26, 2020 meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:31PM by Chair Hall-Kayler. Also present were board members Taylor, Anderson, Underhill, Sellers, Schrader, and Reed, along with members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Hall-Kayler

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Moved by Underhill to approve the agenda with the requested changes, Supported by Anderson. Roll call vote:

Hall-Kayler - yes

Anderson - yes

Taylor - yes

Underhill - yes

Reed - yes

Schrader - yes

Sellers not yet present

6 yes, 0 no, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Anderson, Supported by Reed, no objections. Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joe Sipek provided a couple options for Harbert Beach, looking ahead for budgetary purposes. He'd like to wait until after winter and see what the weather does. He'd like a platform on the beach similar to Cherry Beach, enhanced with seating, and combo of wooden and aluminum stairs. Recommends putting aside \$8,000, on the high end. He will submit a proposal in the Spring. He said it's been great working with the board members. He'd like the extra money from the Cherry Beach GoFundMe designated for maintenance. Underhill thanked him for his great efforts and volunteer work.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Kara Kelly wrote a letter advising us that Teacher's Credit Union is donating \$2,500 to the park board

All other correspondence was marked as read

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Service dogs - Anderson said the language conflicts with the law. A permit cannot be required, so he made a motion to withdraw his motion from last month. He will re-submit at a later meeting. No objections, Motion withdrawn.

Part-Time Manager - Job is posted on website under administrative tab. Deadline to apply is Nov. 19. They may be tasked with drawing up a master plan for Harbert Community Park. Lanny Ross, a mountain bike volunteer, is very interested in the job.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Looking at parking stops at Cherry Beach, 27 total, for \$1373. This includes spikes to keep them in the ground. The stops would be against the woodline, black rubber with reflectors.

Hall-Kayler moved to purchase 27 rubber parking stops, Supported by Anderson

Question on how much shipping and handling would cost. This will be researched and presented next month by Hall-Kayler. Motion postponed.

## **REPORTS**

Lakeside Parks – putting in 20 trees, first 12 are already planted as Stage 1. Stage 2 will be in the Spring. There is a vision of framing 2 corners of the park with split rail fencing, paid by Lakeside Association. This will be something for the new board to consider.

Staining gazebo and white-washing part of it is due, as it hasn't been touched in 20 years. "Mission Brown" is the color. Needs a budget of \$2,000.

Josh Higgins submitted his work reports.

Moved by Schrader to move forward with the proposal for Lakeside Parks to purchase the fence (5 sections fencing), pending permit approval, Supported by Anderson. Will do a site plan and submit to township. Must apply for permit.

Roll Call Vote:

Hall-Kayler – yes

Anderson – yes

Taylor – yes

Underhill – yes

Reed – yes

Schrader – yes

Sellers – yes

7 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Cherry Beach Update - \$70,000 short of goal. Committee is making calls and have emailed about revetments. Signatures needed by Friday, Oct. 30 at 4pm. Letter is available online.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sellers gave balance of \$72,254.04. We will be in great shape by April. 68% of funds used for repair and maintenance so we need to keep an eye on that. We're at 58% of the budget and 6 months in. We don't spend as much in this season.

Garbage cans are left out through winter at most spots. Port-a-johns are removed by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Donation box at dog park – just for dog park or whole park? Underhill feels it shouldn't be for maintenance but rather something nice for the park. Need clarification from township as to if we need to earmark the money. Schrader brought up the mountain bike donations that are meant to keep the trail running.

TDK and Manny regarding trees – might be too late yet this year.

Looking at signs for next year – do we need to budget? Will ask Supervisor Bunte at tomorrow's meeting.

Jill's Wish List for Harbert Community Park:

Apply for grants for pathways to pond's edge and fishing platform

Green metal roofs

Bench and lights at fountain

Seal welcome center and other structures

Hammock

RV art teacher have students paint mural

Walking paths and flower beds

Paint handrails lively color for kids, near playground

Revenue - coffee/donut concession

Treasurer needs pricing before next meeting

Reed would like a budget for Harbert Beach

Schrader questioned the procedure for moving line items around and wondered if it requires a vote. It does not.

Anderson questioned Underhill about securing grants for some of the projects. He also noted that we won't use all of the 1,000 hours set aside for the facilities manager

Reed is researching better options than rocks to be put in pothole coming off of Red Arrow at Harbert Community Park

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Boot Brush Stations - picture and description back to CISMA once we receive them. 3 have been requested. This would control invasive species transmission between parks.

Trunk or Treat is this Saturday, 2-4pm, at the township. Taylor, Schrader, and possibly Underhill will attend

Schrader - thanks for allowing her 8 years serving on the board. The beaches have always been near and dear to her. On the embankment there is thousands of pieces of metal and dirty fill. She will now spend time protecting the lake. Thank you to all who have voted for her. We are close to Cherry Beach turning 100 years old. She'd also like to thank the people who serve with her. She has learned from us and she thanks everyone for giving to the township she loves.

Underhill - She is now running as a township trustee and looks forward to working with the Park Board if she is elected.

Hall-Kayler - We should all be very proud of all we've accomplished. We've made significant improvements and worked hard. It's time for a new board to implement the 5 year plan. Her initial goal was to improve Celebrate Chikaming.

Write-ins will be Sherri Curry and Joseph Reed

## **QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Josh Higgins - thanks to Underhill, Hall-Kayler, and Schrader for guiding him through the years. Thanks for all they've done.

Jocelyn, VRBO's owner - interested to hear more about being on the board. Too late for a write-in but could be appointed.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Taylor