

Chikaming Township Park Board Regular Meeting - APPROVED

September 28, 2020

Electronic meeting via Zoom

The September 28, 2020 meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 6:32PM 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: Add Kurt's Ride, Ordinance 126, HCP, Harbert Rd. Beach Access.

Moved by Anderson, Supported by Sellers, No objections, agenda approved

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: No objections, consent agenda approved

TREASURERS REPORT: Be careful looking at projects since we are running low. Potholes at Harbert Community Park will be looked at on next budget

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Thank you, Supervisor Bunte, for placing a plaque at the top of the stairs at the Cherry Beach Stairs.

The Park Board would like to show our gratitude to Rotary for paying the full cost of \$3,000 for all trail signs and installing the markers. Thank you to all volunteers who installed the signs in 2 days. Pat Fisher made this possible and we are very grateful.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Taylor sent an email in response to the comments made at the last meeting. Hall-Kayler is grateful for all the police department does and wanted to give a shout-out to them for all their support with our parks and beaches. Schrader wanted to publicly thank the police for retrieving her locked keys and note that her intention was not to criticize but rather let the police department know she is eternally grateful to them for taking care of her and her community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: SOS – Save Our Shores, Shoreline Restoration. This company installs geo-tube bags that are 7-10 times cheaper than other options. Tubes are 42 inches wide, low impact to the environment, uses sand from off-site, still there 30-40 years later. They do not protrude so far out and looks at special engineering design. The placement of geo-tubes versus not using them is noticeable. He has spent a lot of time working on lakes, rivers, and streams.

Questions: Who approached who? Harbert, Cherry, and Pier St. Beaches – could save foundation of where we want to rebuild stairs. Looking at how to partner and come alongside home-owners.

Reaction to force impacts the south, where does energy go? There have been no issues, and the further you extend out, the more contact you have with waves. These are green, minimal impact, can be cut open and remove bags later. Minimizes energy. Still concern over neighboring properties.

Price per linear foot depends on many factors. This may need to be taken to the township for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planting in October in Lakeside Park

Harbert Community Park improvements – Underhill shared Claudia Parish's plan. Claudia is hopeful to work this in in the next couple of weeks. Josh can give close attention to watering. Anderson and Sellers agreed it is

attractive and looks amazing. We will need someone for weeding, dead-heading, and cutting back. Once they become established there will be less maintenance. May need a new committee eventually to handle this.

Moved by Anderson to approve Claudia Parish's landscape design and authorize \$2,810 payable to Claudia Parish Landscape Designs as soon as possible so she can begin planning in October. Supported by Underhill.

Roll Call Vote:

Hall-Kayler: yes

Anderson: yes

Underhill: yes

Reed: yes

Schrader: yes

Taylor: yes

Sellers: yes

7 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

Maintenance plan was reviewed:

Pier St. drain - keep an eye

HRP - TDK handles drain

CTPP - Josh overseeing

Structural check - Van, who wants to go along with him? Josh should go, too

Gate at CTPP - Arthur will check with PD to get it locked

Water shut-off - 2 weeks into Oct. by Charles Bronson. Will Lakeside Association need water? Maybe use neighbors water, will check with Theresa.

Garbage removal - decrease cans, year-round. Not cost effective to remove them. 4 calls to Republic, no call return

Cherry Beach passes - Kayler recommended we form committee to see if we need/want them and determine purpose

Grating surfaces of driveways - look in Spring

Ice Rink - Taylor wants to keep ice as opposed to synthetic, will need committee if we are looking at synthetic. Things to think about: open more of concession, open warming shed

Pit Toilet - cleaned (2 of them cleaned twice a year)

Fountain - will be out Oct. 1st

Gazebo - will be stained this year or next

HRP - gravel in 2 places to reduce moisture, lots of foot traffic, more enjoyable to use

Miller Beach - looks good

Josh and Sheri – passes were a frustration

Looking at stops at Cherry parking lot instead of painting lines. Railroad ties are free, maybe rubber stops, something to think about.

Part time employee – Arthur has template, will write it and forward draft when done, hope to fill position this year

Survey for garbage – put on facebook and printed form in lobby

Mountain Bike Trail has too many volunteers, which is a great problem to have! Considering GoFundMe to engineer a plan for bridge work. Need a site-plan before continuing with bridge work. Hopefully Arthur can be the go-between person for the park board. Kirk's ride is planned for his birthday, Wed. at 6pm. Volunteers will be honored, 2 awards for getting people out and moving, sign donated by Doyle at Art FX.

Signage – Re-do at beaches and parks (Deborah and Kathy on committee). Need signage at Lakeside, ordinances can be simplified on signs according to Chief Taylor, Lakeside Park is currently not listed in ordinances, need to add it to ordinances. Ordinances don't need to be written on back of signs. Lakeside Association doesn't like our signs but we want them to look alike.

Harbert Beach – people still hopping fencing at beach, working on better solution, under \$1,000, with contractor. Looking at safety first. Is it essential since summer is over? Spend money? Further erosion will hurt what's currently in place. Safety issue if someone slipped on ice while going over, for example. Need to plan for Dune before stairs are put back in place. \$500-\$600 to remove current boards and replace with more security. It's a hazard the way it is.

McKinley – few things were left there, need to post the removal sign again

NEW BUSINESS

Steps at Harbert Beach – Joe Sipek gave 3 options, park board is interested. Should we budget for it vs. GoFundMe vs. asking township to budget first? People pay taxes and would like access. Reed would like SOS to give free estimate while they are in town. We don't know what dune will look like in April. We want to do it right with a solid plan in place. Aluminum stairs would be better because if dune shifted they could be adjusted as long as they are anchored, and if dune crumbles we would still have steps. Give proposal to Van first. Would like formal opinion from Van on Pier St. as well.

Service Dogs – ordinance on dogs is not clear.

Moved by Anderson to request the Township to amend Ordinance 126 as follows:

Section 8: Animals: In Parks and Preserves: Persons may bring dogs if the dogs are kept on a 6-foot leash. No other animals are permitted in any park or preserve unless permission has been granted by the Park Board. No person shall permit any domestic animal to run at large in any park or preserve. On public beaches: no animals are permitted on any public beach without permission of the Park Board. A person wishing to bring an animal to a public beach must apply to the Park Board for permission before bringing the animal to the beach. Permission to bring a dog to any beach or other animals may be granted to persons needing a trained service animal for assistance with a physical disability and other reasons deemed in the public interest by the Park Board. Any person granted permission by the Park Board must have the letter of permission with them when visiting any park or beach with the animal.

Supported by Halll-Kayler

He would like this brought to the Public Safety Committee first, it would not pertain to the dog park. Is this a violation of ADA? Underhill feels it is over-reaching and would like a letter from Hilmer. There are 2 key

questions you can ask legally. A conversation with Chief Taylor and the public safety committee needs to happen first.

Roll Call Vote to have safety committee review this change:

Reed: yes

Sellers: yes

Schrader: no

Underhill: no

Hall-Kayler: yes

Anderson: yes

Taylor: yes

5 yes, 2 no, Motion Carried

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Fran Wersells – Miller Beach was crowded and had a big dog on it. Owner said it's okay because the dog is in the water, dispatch was called and they didn't know dogs weren't allowed. The boundary at Miller Beach is missing 15 feet.

Janet Schrader – possible threat to Cherry Beach with revetments. There will be continued discussion at Township Board special meeting

Arthur Anderson – We should write a letter to township board saying “this is our thinking” after the hearing. Letter can be signed by any of us who would like to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, at 6:30PM.

We may need a special meeting regarding the stairs at Harbert Beach and Geo-Tubes, possibly Monday, Oct. 19. We all need to do research and maybe coordinate a small group beach walk. 5 min. south of Cherry Beach there are boulders, etc. down to beach. Looking at better alternatives to rock and steel revetments.

Bridgman has an upcoming meeting with similar topic.

Hall-Kayler and Anderson will meet with Supervisor Bunte Wednesday morning for meeting recap.

ADJOURN MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Taylor