

**Chikaming Township Park Board Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2017**

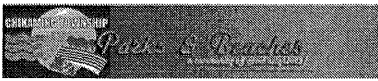
**Chikaming Township Park Board  
Regular Meeting**

Monday, November 27, 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 6:33 p.m.</p> <p>Members present: Joseph Reed, Kathy Sellers, Deborah Hall-Kayler, 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><b>Moved by Hall, seconded by Schrader, that the agenda be approved with an amendment that the basic update of Cherry Beach be at 7:47 and then a closed session discussion, if needed, take place at the end of the meeting to hear from the Cherry Beach Committee on legal matters.</b></p> <p>Roll call vote as follows: Reed – Aye, Sellers – Aye, Hall – Aye, Schrader – Aye, Underhill – Aye, Taylor – Aye</p>	<p><b>AGENDA APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA</b></p>
<p>Motion to approve preceding meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the October regular meeting.</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>MINUTES APPROVED</b></p>
<p>Sellers informed the board that there is currently \$26,816.56 left in the remaining budget after expenses. Considering maintenance for the rest of the fiscal year, there should be about \$13,000 left for unexpected expenses.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>
<p>There was no correspondence.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>
<p>Arthur Anderson volunteered to assist in the moving of wood chips at the Harbert Community Park. Reed suggested a volunteer day be arranged to help.</p> <p>Fran Wersells informed the board that she has placed notes on the stored items left at the beaches and access points. The Beach Safety Committee will determine what procedure should be taken for items left on the public beach.</p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>



<p><b>Harbert Beach</b> – Reed had nothing new to report at this time. Schrader reported that many of the metal fence posts have fallen down and the rope fence is still in the water on the boundary line. Reed added that he would like to further discuss the possibility of signs at the beach to request that visitors do not destroy the dune.</p> <p><b>Cherry Beach</b> – Schrader reported that the trash pinchers have been stolen once again.</p> <p><b>Berrien Beach</b> – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Miller Beach</b> – Hall had nothing additional to report.</p> <p><b>McKinley Beach</b> – Taylor had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Townline Beach</b> – Schrader had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Pier St. Beach</b> – Sellers had nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Rd.</b> –Schrader reported that the beaver is back.</p> <p><b>Harbert Rd. Park and Preserve</b> – Hall reported that several fallen trees were removed from trails at the preserve.</p> <p><b>Harbert Community Park</b> – Underhill had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Hall volunteered to contact Tom Dawson’s Plumbing to discuss shutting off the water.</p>	<p>Beach/ Park Reports</p>
<p>The board discussed the possibility of having two co-chairs for the Park Board. It was decided that a vice-chair position would be formed so that the chair can be better assisted.</p> <p><b>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, to amend the by-law’s Section 2 to add the position of vice-chair to assist the chair with necessary duties, as needed, and, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair will run the meetings. Additionally, in section 2, subsection B, the role of the secretary be amended to serve as chair in the absence of the chair and vice-chair.</b></p> <p><b>Roll call vote: Sellers – Aye, Schrader – Aye, Taylor – Aye, Underhill – Aye, Hall – Aye, Reed – Aye</b></p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, the Reed be appointed to chair.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, that Hall be appointed to vice-chair pending the approval of the amended by-laws by the township board.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Sellers, that Underhill be appointed to secretary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Taylor, that Sellers be appointed as treasurer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by Underhill, seconded by Schrader, that Arthur Anderson be</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p><b>MOTION TO AMEND BY-LAWS</b></p> <p><b>MOTION TO APPOINT REED TO CHAIR</b></p> <p><b>MOTION TO APPOINT HALL TO VICE-CHAIR</b></p> <p><b>MOTION TO APPOINT UNDERHILL AS SECRETARY</b></p> <p><b>MOTION TO APPOINT SELLERS TO TREASURER</b></p> <p><b>MOTION TO RECOMMEND ARTHUR</b></p>



<p>recommended to the township board for appointment to the Park Board.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Hall reported on options for restrooms to replace the pit toilets. The price for 3 ADA accessible pit toilets is \$200 per toilet each month. They may be a good option to replace the pit toilets for the busy time of year. She will continue to research various options.</p> <p>Taylor reported on the skating rink that Renny set the boundary up over the past weekend. The rink size is smaller this year due to the location of the volleyball courts, however, there may be room for a smaller rink as well. The ribbon cutting for the rink will be January 13<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p><b>ANDERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO THE PARK BOARD</b></p>
<p>Hall informed the board that she met with Doreen, who manages social media for the Acorn Theater and Chikaming Open Lands. Doreen is willing to create a facebook page for the board at no cost. A social media committee of Schrader, Hall and Underhill was formed to consider this further.</p> <p>Hall invited the board to attend an invasive species pull on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the Harbert Community Park. She suggested that any attendees bring gloves.</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>Arthur Anderson thanked the board for recommendation.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p><b>Moved by Schrader, seconded by Hall, that the board meet in closed session to meet with the Cherry Beach Committee to discuss the purchase of the property adjacent to Cherry Beach.</b></p> <p><b>Roll call vote as follows: Schrader – Aye, Sellers – Aye, Underhill – Aye, Reed – Aye, Taylor – Aye, Hall – Aye</b></p> <p>The board entered closed session at 8:17 P.M. The meeting resumed to open session at 9:38 P.M.</p>	<p>Closed Session</p>
<p><b>Moved Hall, seconded Underhill, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>
<p>MONDAY, December 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p>
<p>Minutes submitted by Jessica Reed</p>	