

# Antrim Creek Natural Area

*Robert McLeod, Chairman*

Marion Williams

Jacob Veenstra

Gary Strange

Carl Veenstra

**March 7, 2007**

## **Minutes**

Antrim Creek Natural Area

### **ACNA Commission**

#### **Members Present:**

Robert McLeod and Carl Veenstra

#### **Members Absent:**

Jacob Veenstra, Marion Williams, and Gary Strange

#### **Staff Present:**

Joe Meyers

#### **Others Present:**

Gerald Kascowniak, and Kevin Heard

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Robert McLeod. Due to a lack of a quorum, no official action could be taken.

### **2. Public Comment**

None.

### **3. Review of the July 10, 2006**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the July 10, 2006 meeting.

### **4. ANCA Update**

Discussion ensued over the Coastal Management Program Grant that we are submitting for this year. Joe Meyers informed the Committee that it was the same grant submitted last year. Mr. Meyers informed the Committee that a piece of property north of the natural area is for sale. Kevin Heard informed the Committee that the property is currently in closing with a buyer.

Carl Veenstra inquired about a trail that has never officially been marked. Carl asked if he could get a trailhead marker to show people where the trail is.

Discussion ensued over creating an animal habitat by the power lines. Bob McLeod indicated that the boy scouts might be able to help with this project. The Committee asked Joe to check with the Antrim Conservation District about getting wild flowers.

### **7. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission  
meeting is scheduled for  
May 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
at Banks Township Hall**

# Antrim Creek Natural Area

*Jerroll Drenth, Chairman*

Marion Williams

Jacob Veenstra

Gary Strange

Carl Veenstra

**June 12, 2007**

## **Minutes**

Antrim Creek Natural Area

**ACNA Commission Members Present:** Jerroll Drenth, Jacob Veenstra, Carl Veenstra, Gary Strange, Marion Williams  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Staff Present:** Pete Garwood  
**Others Present:** Steve Jones, Karen Jones, and Betty Hoffmann

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment**

None.

### **3. Election of Officers**

Mr. Garwood explained that because Bob McLeod had been the chairman since the inception of the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission but is no longer a member, we currently do not have a chairman. Mr. Garwood ran the meeting until a chair and vice chair was elected.

The following nominations for chair were made:  
Carl Veenstra was nominated by Gary Strange.  
Jerroll Drenth was nominated by Jake Veenstra.  
Jake Veenstra was nominated by Carl Veenstra.

**Motion by Jacob Veenstra, supported by Marion Williams, to close nominations.  
Motion carried – unanimous.**

Jerroll Drenth received four votes for chair, and Carl Veenstra received one vote. Jerroll Drenth is the new chair and it was the consensus of the Commission that Carl Veenstra be the vice chair.

### **4. Meeting Dates and Times**

**Motion by Jerroll Drenth, supported by Carl Veenstra, to have four meetings a year (March, June, August and October), the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Banks Township Hall. Motion carried – unanimous.**

Mr. Drenth took over chairing the meeting.

### **5. Review of the March 7, 2007 Minutes**

The minutes of March 7, 2007 were accepted.

**6. Trail Markers**

Mr. Carl Veenstra indicated the new route on the Trillium Ridge Trail (trail on the upper bluff south of the North entrance) has not been marked with a trail marker. Mr. Garwood will check to see if there are extra trail markers at the County Building and contact Carl Veenstra with the answer. Mr. Garwood will also talk to the crew at Barnes Park to have them maintain the new route.

**7. Animal Habitat**

Mr. Carl Veenstra informed the Commission that at the last meeting there was discussion about doing vegetation planting under the power lines on the south part of the ACNA property that would attract various wildlife and keep the power company from tearing up the land. Mr. Garwood reported that seed for a wild flower and other vegetation mix could be purchased through the Antrim Conservation District and that the Conservation District employees would be willing to assist Mr. Veenstra with the planting of the vegetative mix.

**Motion by Jacob Veenstra, supported by Marion Williams, to purchase the seed and fuel (for machinery) and authorize Carl Veenstra to work with the Conservation District to disc and plant under the power lines at the ACNA for a cost not to exceed \$800 (the dollars are in the ACNA budget). Motion carried – unanimous.**

**8. Coastal Management Grant**

Mr. Garwood informed the Committee that he will be meeting with a Coastal Management Grant staff next week at the ACNA to conduct a walk through at the site and answer any questions on the project for which we have applied for grant funding. We should know if the grant application is successful by August.

**9. Metal Detectors**

Mr. Garwood indicated his office has had inquiries into the use of metal detectors at the ACNA. Mr. Garwood indicated his office could provide a draft "Metal Detector Use Policy" for the next meeting on August 1, 2007.

**10. ACNA Brochures**

The Coordinator/Planner Office staff will bring copies of the old brochure for the ACNA to the next meeting.

**11. Budget**

The Commission reviewed the 2008 budget request for the Antrim Creek Natural Area and made some revisions.

**12. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission  
meeting is scheduled for  
August 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
at Banks Township Hall**

# Antrim Creek Natural Area

*Jerroll Drenth, Chairman*

Marion Williams

Jacob Veenstra

Gary Strange

Carl Veenstra

**August 1, 2007**

## **Minutes**

Meeting held at Antrim Creek Natural Area

### **ACNA Commission**

#### **Members Present:**

Jerroll Drenth, Jacob Veenstra, Carl Veenstra, and Gary Strange

#### **Members Absent:**

Marion Williams

#### **Staff Present:**

Joe Meyers

#### **Others Present:**

None

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jerroll Drenth at 7:02 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment**

None.

### **3. Review of the June 12, 2007 Minutes**

The minutes of June 12, 2007 were accepted.

### **4. Metal Detectors**

Joe handed out a policy created by the Coordinator/Planner's Office addressing the usage of metal detectors at ACNA (attached). Discussion ensued over the policy.

**Motion by Gary Strange, supported by Carl Veenstra, to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the Metal Detector Policy. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### **5. ACNA Brochures**

Joe Meyers handed out a brochure put together by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board highlighting various county parks.

Discussion ensued over the brochure but they would like to try and create something for next year.

### **6. Trail Markers**

Joe indicated that he had the trail markers and gave them to Carl.

### **7. Animal Habitat**

Discussion ensued over the wild flower habitat.

The Commission decided that they would like to see a DNR mix with some wildflower to attract birds.

**8. Member Comment**

Joe indicated that the Coordinator/Planner's office is sending out over 75 agendas for every meeting. Joe asked if they could put a note on all the agendas asking the people who receive the agendas to contact us if they want to continue receiving the agendas by mail.

The Committee indicated that they would be in favor of that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission  
meeting is scheduled for  
October 3, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
at Banks Township Hall**

# Antrim Creek Natural Area

*Jerrold Drenth, Chairman*

**Vacant**

**Jacob Veenstra**

**Gary Strange**

**Carl Veenstra**

**October 3, 2007**

## **Minutes**

Meeting held at Antrim Creek Natural Area

### **ACNA Commission**

#### **Members Present:**

Jerrold Drenth and Carl Veenstra

#### **Members Absent:**

Jacob Veenstra, Gary Strange

#### **Others Present:**

Jack White, Pete Garwood, David Jones, and Nancy Jones

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment**

Mr. David Jones commented that after 10 years the trails are beginning to experience encroachment of plants and tree branches. Mr. Garwood will request the Barnes Park crew to do some trimming on the trails.

### **3. Review of the August 1, 2007 Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of August 1, 2007, with a minor change; "Gary Veenstra will be changed to Gary Strange" in the first paragraph.

### **4. ACNA Brochure Update**

The Committee discussed the need for a brochure specific to the ACNA, given there is a general brochure for many of the County parks. Mr. Garwood suggested we might consider working on the brochure once we get the arbors constructed.

### **5. Trail Marker Update**

Carl Veenstra indicated he had the post for the trail markers. He will paint the proper stripes on the top of the post and install them as time permits.

### **6. Animal Habitat Update**

Carl Veenstra informed the Committee that he had worked up the land and seeded it with rye this time. The Conservation District will be asked to supply a DNR mix with wildflower seed for re-planting next spring.

### **7. Grant Update**

Mr. Garwood informed the Committee that there is a good chance we will be able to obtain the grant this time around. The CMP staff indicated if we get the grant we need to complete the project by the end of September 2008. We agreed to make such a commitment. Thus, Mr. Garwood indicated if we are awarded the grant we will have to spring into action on the design of the arbors and the information panels, so that we may have them ready to construct in the summer.

**8. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission  
meeting is scheduled for  
March 2008**

**Unless the grant is approved, then there will be a special meeting.**