

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

January 18, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Stan Moore, Don Schuiteman, Linda Gallagher, Russ Blasdel, Mike Crawford, Jerome Dobrzelewski, Mike Meriwether, and Mark Stone

Members Absent: Al Pecar

Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

Others: None

I. Call to Order

Stan Moore called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Minutes

Motion by Mike Crawford, supported by Don Schuiteman, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2006 as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

IV. Trails

The Committee discussed the trails sub-committee and how to get people involved. The Committee suggested writing a letter to all of the participants of our trails forum.

The Committee indicated that we should draft the necessary language to improve our parks and recreation plan for trails.

V. Barnes Park Fee Sub-committee

Joe Meyers introduced the recommendations of the Barnes Park Fee Sub-committee.

There recommendations are as follows:

- ✧ Set aside five sites for a seasonal rental for the cost of \$1,500.00.
- ✧ Set aside 10 sites for reservations for an additional cost of \$5.00 per reservation and a minimum of 3 nights.
- ✧ Raise the fees to \$25 for electric and \$21 for primitive
- ✧ Raise the pavilion rental to \$40 per day for residents and nonresidents.

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Mark Stone to recommend Parks Committee accept all of the recommendations of the Barnes Park Fee Sub-committee. Motion carried – unanimous.

Mark Stone recommended that staff check with legal counsel on a lease for the seasonal rentals.

VI. Park Use Fees

Linda Gallagher informed the Committee of the progress on the Petoskey Stone Festival Sub-committee.

Linda indicated that we needed volunteers and sponsors for the festival.

VII. Various Matters

None.

VIII. Member Comment

Mark Stone showed the Committee the Barnes Park map. The Committee did a final review of the sign.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Board of Commissioners Room.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Commission

March 15, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Stan Moore (entered at 1:40 p.m.), Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Russ Blasdell, Mike Crawford (entered at 1:25 p.m.), and Al Pecar
Members Absent: Mark Stone, Mike Meriwether, and Linda Gallagher
Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick
Others: None.

I. Call to Order

Joe Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. due to a lack of a quorum, no official action could be taken.

II. Public/Member Comment

Joe Meyers updated the Committee in the Petoskey Stone Festival, informing them that there were currently 12 vendors and three sponsors.

Mike Crawford entered the meeting at 1:25 p.m., because there was a quorum present, official action could be taken.

III. Election of Officers

Mr. Meyers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Jerome Dobrzelewski nominated Don Schuiteman for Chairman.

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Mike Crawford, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Don Schuiteman as Chairman. Motion carried – unanimous.

Mr. Meyers opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mike Crawford nominated Jerome Dobrzelewski as Vice-Chairman.

Motion by Mike Crawford, supported by Al Pecar, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jerome Dobrzelewski as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried – unanimous.

Chairman Schuiteman ran the rest of the meeting from this point.

IV. Public Comment (continued)

Russ Blasdell spoke in favor of the County's acquisition of the Sevald Property.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD RESOLUTION #01-07 by Russ Blasdell, supported by Al Pecar:

Resolution of Support of the Acquisition of the Sevald Property in Forest Home Township, Antrim County

Whereas, public lands are essential in meeting the recreational needs of the community, and

Whereas, lands remaining in their natural state preserve the character of our localities and protect water quality, and

Whereas, the Antrim County Parks and Recreation Plan specifies the importance of the County's natural resources and its effects on recreation and tourism, and

Whereas, Antrim County desires to manage its forest resources in contiguous large parcels, and

Whereas, the Antrim County Parks and Recreation Plan has as one of its goals the connection of its existing parks and recreational facilities, and

Whereas, the "Sevald Property" is 180 acres of scenic unspoiled land that would increase the recreational value of the county, and

Whereas, acquisition of the Sevald Property, provides important opportunities for public recreation; forest and open space protection; hunting, fishing, and trapping; and consolidates publicly-held land; all identified as important goals in a recent county-wide public opinion survey, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board urges the Antrim County Board of Commissioners to acquire the Sevald Property, 180 acres of property in Forest Home Township sections 14 and 23 to consolidate the surrounding county lands.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Russ Blasdell and seconded by Al Pecar.

Upon roll call, the following voted:

Yes: Don Schuiteman, Russ Blasdell, Mike Crawford, Jerome Dobrzelewski, and Al Pecar

No: None

Absent: Stan Moore, Linda Gallagher, Mike Meriwether, and Mark Stone.

Resolution declared adopted.

The Committee decided to keep the meetings on third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

V. Approval of the January 18, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Mike Crawford, to approve the January 18, 2007 minutes as amended. Motion carried – unanimous

VI. Other Matters

Joe Meyers spoke on the Barnes Park Fee Subcommittee, the Wetzel Lake lease and the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Stan Moore spoke on the mailing that could be done for recent Barnes Park campers indicating that we have reservations as well as the upcoming events at the park.

Motion by Mike Crawford, supported by Al Pecar, to have staff spend up to \$500 out of the Parks and Recreation Printing and Publishing Budget to create a mass mailing for campers from the past 2 to 3 years according to the camper database. Motion carried – unanimous.

Mike Crawford indicated that we could get a hot air balloon for the Petoskey Stone Festival.

Don Schuiteman spoke on getting Shanty Creek involved with the Petoskey Stone Festival and snowmobiling.

VII. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Commission

April 19, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Russ Blasdel, Mike Crawford, Mike Meriwether, and Al Pecar
Members Absent: Mark Stone, Stan Moore, and Linda Gallagher
Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick
Others: Gene Dawson

I. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

Gene Dawson spoke on the Sevald Property and the ways to acquire it.

Discussion ensued over the Sevald Property and the Bachelder Road Property.

Discussion ensued over oil and gas revenues and creating a recreation fund with them.

The Committee indicated that they would like this as an agenda item for next month.

Gene spoke on a potential boat launch site on Lake Michigan at the lore road extension.

The Committee decided to re-look into a potential boat launch site on lake Michigan.

III. Approval of the March 15, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Mike Crawford, to approve the March 15, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous

IV. Petoskey Stone Festival

The Committee discussed the potential of having the Boy Scouts help at the festival.

Don Schuiteman indicated that he would contact the Bellaire Boy Scouts.

Discussion ensued over the vendors and sponsors of the festival.

V. Barnes Park Fees

Discussion ensued over reservations.

VI. Other Matters

None.

VII. Member/Public Comment

Jerome spoke on a boat launch at Barnes Park.

Gene spoke on the potential impacts of beaches with boat launches.

The Committee spoke a spook trail at Barnes Park and the Wetzel Lake raft.

Joe Meyers indicated that he would check on the subcommittee for the spook trail and what the committee decided on the raft at Wetzel Lake.

Mike Meriwether and Eileen Wallick spoke on chipping the Barnes Park interpretive trail.

Russ spoke on the fishpond at the Petoskey Stone Festival.

Jerome spoke on the inland waterway canoe race.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Commission

May 22, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Russ Blasdel, Linda Gallagher, Mike Meriwether, and Al Pecar
Members Absent: Mark Stone, Stan Moore, and Mike Crawford
Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick
Others: None

I. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None.

III. Approval of the April 19, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Russ Blasdel, to approve the April 19, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous

IV. Petoskey Stone Festival

Linda Gallagher indicated that we need volunteers for the festival and also indicated that Dave Barrens from 9 and 10 News will be in attendance. Discussion ensued over the fish pond and the volunteers needed to operate it.

Don Schuiteman indicated that Rotary would like to do a 50/50 raffle at the festival. The Committee decided that it was fine as long as they acquired all necessary licenses.

V. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the Wetzel Lake lease. The Committee indicated that they were not happy with the lease and felt like they should contact their Michigan Congressmen.

Discussion ensued over the Sevald property as well as the Batchelder Rd. and Frog Hollow properties.

Mike Meriwether spoke on the Lore Rd extension for a boat launch. Mike was directed to contact Gene Dawson, the Parks Committee chair.

The Committee decided to change their meeting to the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Mike Meriwether informed the Committee that the trails at Barnes Park were chipped and the prairie was planted.

VI. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 26, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Russ Blasdell, Linda Gallagher, Mike Meriwether, and Al Pecar
Members Absent: Mark Stone, Stan Moore, and Mike Crawford
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: None

I. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None.

III. Approval of the May 22, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Russ Blasdell, to approve the May 22, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

IV. Petoskey Stone Festival

Joe Meyers updated the Board on the success of last year and indicated that they hopefully should have enough money in the account to start things for next year at the appropriate time. Linda indicated that all of the vendors were pleased even though sales were a bit down for the event, probably because of the economy.

Discussion ensued over the festival.

V. Wetzel Lake Lease

Joe indicated that the Parks Committee decided to proceed with the lease as presented by the DNR. Joe indicated that the lease is currently being reviewed by Legal Counsel.

Al Pecar indicated that he spoke with Janet Person of the Village of Bellaire and they spoke about possibly trading our raft for their dock.

VI. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the budget. The Board suggested having a forum on the trails that Antrim County currently has. Discussion ensued over the snowmobile trail from Bellaire to Alba and the status of such a trail.

Motion by Jerry Dobrzelewski, supported by Al Pecar, to recommend the Parks Committee accept the budget as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

The Commission asked Joe to add the “trails forum” to the next agenda.

VII. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

August 28, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Russ Blasdell, Linda Gallagher, Al Pecar, Mark Stone, and Mike Crawford
Members Absent: Mike Meriwether and Stan Moore
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: None

I. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None.

III. Approval of the June 26, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Russ Blasdell, to approve the June 26, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

IV. Barnes Park Ordinance

Discussion ensued over the Barnes Park Ordinance. The Committee commented on some grammatical changes that needed to be made and indicated that they would like to have the ordinance encompass the entire park and not what is deemed park land. The Committee also commented on adding a section about how pet owners should be required to clean up after their dogs.

Motion by Mark Stone, supported by Jerome Dobrzelewski, to recommend the Parks Committee accept the changes to the Barnes Park Ordinance as amended. Motion carried – unanimous.

V. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over a spook trail and the boat launch on Lake Michigan.

The Committee directed the Coordinator/Planner's Office to research the deed on the Torch Bay Nature Preserve.

Mark Stone spoke on the Hydro Dam Facility and the changing from Traverse City Light and Power to Michiana Hydro tomorrow. Mark also spoke on a potential grant that the Village of Elk Rapids is hoping to acquire to improve the dam facilities parking lot.

Discussion ensued over the Petoskey Stone Festival and the success of next years.

VI. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

September 25, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Russ Blasdell, Linda Gallagher, Stan Moore, Mark Stone, and Mike Crawford
Members Absent: Mike Meriwether and Al Pecar
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: None

I. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None.

III. Approval of the August 28, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Jerome Dobrzelewski, supported by Russ Blasdell, to approve the August 28, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

IV. Boat Launch

Discussion ensued over the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy relating to the Torch Bay Nature Preserve. The Committee discussed the deed restrictions on the Preserve. The Board asked Stan Moore and Joe Meyers to look into the deed to check the validity.

Discussion ensued over the DNR, DEQ, and the Army Corps concerning the easiest funding source for installing a boat launch.

Discussion ensued over the different locations of a boat launch.

Don appointed the Boat Launch Committee including Gene Dawson, Stan Moore, Mike Crawford, Linda Gallagher, and Mike Meriwether. Eileen will be helping staff that committee.

Discussion ensued over Barnes Park as a potential site.

V. Petoskey Stone Festival

Discussion ensued over the Petoskey Stone Festival. Mike spoke on needing to get to the corporate sponsors by October or November. Mike, Linda, and Joe are to work together to get a write up to go to the corporations for sponsorships.

Linda spoke on getting more activities at the festival to attract more people.

VI. Various Matters

Don Schuiteman questioned the status of the Wetzel Lake Lease. Joe informed the Board that it would be going to the Parks Committee this month.

Don asked if we had any movement on the Park Forum. Joe indicated that Mike Meriwether was checking into the feasibility of a forum and had not gotten back with his office.

Discussion ensued over Wetzel Lake.

Mike Crawford spoke on Hunting/No Hunting at Grass River Natural Area.

Jerry Dobrzelewski spoke on leasing the land at GRNA to an Oil Company and informed the Committee of the issues with directional drilling.

Gene Spoke on how oil drillers have cleaned up their act within the past few years.

Russ Spoke on Oil and Gas Companies.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board want the Parks Committee to look very closely on the lease at the GRNA.

VII. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

October 23, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Stan Moore, and Mike Meriwether
Members Absent: Russ Blasdell, Linda Gallagher, Mark Stone, Mike Crawford and Al Pecar
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: Bob Spencer and Tom Pearson

I. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. **DUE TO A LACK OF A QUORUM NO OFFICAL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN.**

II. Public/Member Comment

Bob Spencer spoke on the reason the Board was checking on the validity of a deed at the Torch Bay Nature Preserve.

III. Approval of the September 25, 2007 Minutes

None.

IV. Boat Launch

Tom Pearson spoke on the Torch Bay Nature Preserve Authority. Discussion ensued over the boat launch at the Preserve and the plan for development of the area. Discussion ensued over the removal of aften stone from the boat launch. Bob Spencer spoke on how some, not all, of his constituents are asking for a gas dock between Charlevoix and Elk Rapids.

Discussion ensued over the Lore Rd. Extension and the different complications the site contained.

V. Various Matters

Joe Spoke on the Wetzel Lake site and how the lease is just awaiting the signature of the DNR.

Mike spoke on the trail book that the district is planning to put together and also indicated that the Barnes Park Trail project should be fully complete by next spring.

Discussion ensued over the picnic tables at Wetzel Lake.

VI. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**