

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

February 26, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Stan Moore, Don Schuiteman, Jerome Dobrzelewski, Mike Meriwether, and Al Pecar and Russ Blasdell

Members Absent: Mike Crawford, Mark Stone and Linda Gallagher

Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

Others: Gene Dawson

I. Call to Order

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

II. Election of Officers Meeting dates and times

Don Schuiteman nominated Stan Moore for chairperson.

Motion by Don Schuiteman Supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Stan Moore as Chairman. Motion carried - unanimous.

Russ Blasdell nominated Don Schuiteman for vice chairperson.

Motion by Russ Blasdell, Supported by Stan Moore, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Don Schuiteman as Vice Chair. Motion carried - unanimous.

Motion by Jerry Dobrzelewski, Supported by Don Schuiteman to have the meeting date and times on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried - unanimous.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Minutes

Motion by Don Schuiteman, Supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to approve the minutes of September 25, 2007 as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

V. Wetzel Lake Sign

The committee discussed the Wetzel Lake sign.

Motion by Don Schuiteman, Supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to recommend that Parks recommend to finance that they approve the Wetzel Lake sign. Motion carried - unanimous.

VI. Elk Rapids Dam Parking lot

Gene Dawson spoke about the redevelopment of the dam parking lot. Discussion ensued over the parking lot and the ideas the village has.

Discussion ensued over the potential for a boat launch on Lake Michigan and how that could effect funding this project.

Discussion ensued over which project was more valuable.

VII. Petoskey Stone Festival

Discussion ensued over non-stone related vendors. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Various Matters

Don Schuiteman spoke about the snowmobile trail to Bellaire and the positive and negative aspects to snowmobiling.

IX. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Thursday, March 24, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Board of Commissioners Room.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

May 27, 2008

Minutes

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

I. Call to Order

Stan Moore called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None

III. Approval of the February 26, 2008 Minutes

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Russ Blasdell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

IV. Petoskey Stone Festival

Discussion ensued over the Festival and the good reviews that we have received this year as well as in the past.

Joe Meyers indicated that the finances look acceptable for now.

V. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the Elk Rapids Dam parking lot and how they are looking into applying during April 2009 round of grants for the MNRTF.

Joe Meyers indicated that the Wetzel Lake Sign has been installed and the new picnic tables are installed.

VI. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 24, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Russ Blasdel, and Stan Moore

Members Absent: Mark Stone, Linda Gallagher, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Mike Meriwether,
Mike Crawford and Al Pecar

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others: Doug Strang

I. Call to Order

Stan Moore called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. **Due to a lack of a quorum no official action could be taken.**

II. Public/Member Comment

None

III. Approval of the May 27, 2008 Minutes

None.

IV. Trails

Doug Strang spoke on how he was writing the Milton and Elk Rapids Township's Recreation Plans. Mr. Strang wanted to know how the townships might coordinate together so they do not provide overlapping services.

Stan Moore spoke on our recreation plan and how we addressed trails.

Discussion ensued over our last attempt to get a coordinated trail plan.

The Committee decided that they would like to discuss a parks forum on our next meeting.

V. Various Matters

Don Schuiteman discussed how to get a quorum at our next meeting because we are having people not show up making it hard to conduct the business of the meeting.

The Committee also discussed the need to start the revision of our Recreation plan. They indicated that they would like to look at it at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the Petoskey Stone Festival.

VI. Member/Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

July 22, 2008

Minutes

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

I. Call to Order

Stan Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None

III. Parks Forum/Recreation Plan

Discussion ensued over the Parks and Recreation plan.

Joe Meyers indicated that we need to have a new plan passed by the beginning of 2010 and now is the time to start looking at updating it.

Discussion ensued over what we could do to prepare for the plan revision.

IV. Various Matters

The Board discussed a forum and when it should be held.

Discussion ensued over snowmobile trails in Antrim County.

Linda Gallagher discussed holding a forum on EAB, Gypsy moths, etc.

The Board discussed possible dates to hold a forum. One being the end of April 2009 and one being the end of August 2009.

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Al Pecar to have two (2) forums. One at the end of April 2009 and one at the end of August 2009 and to increase the budget from \$500 to \$1000 for 2009. Motion carried – unanimous.

Discussion ensued over starting the meeting with individual groups.

V. Minutes

Motion by Jerry Dobrzelewski, supported by Don Schuiteman, to approve the May 27, 2008 minutes. Motion carried – unanimous.

VI. Petoskey Stone Festival Update

Joe Meyers discussed the Petoskey Stone Festival income/expense totals.

VII. Public/Member Comment

Mike Crawford discussed the "Spook Trail". The Committee asked if Mike Crawford would ask the Bellaire and Mancelona Schools if they would like to help with the spook trail. The committee also asked if Mike Meriwether could contact the Central Lake School district and Linda Gallagher to contact the Ellsworth School District.

Mike Meriwether spoke on reverter clauses on county forest lands.

Discussion ensued over why the reverter clauses were being removed.

Jerry Dobrzelewski spoke on public vs. private land. He also spoke on the DNR and the closing of the Jordan River Road 6 years ago.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
This will also be a Petoskey Stone Festival Wrap Up Meeting.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

August 26, 2008

Minutes

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

I. Call to Order

Stan Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Public/Member Comment

None

III. Minutes

Motion by Jerry Dobrzelewski, supported by Don Schuiteman, to approve the July 22, 2008 minutes. Motion carried – unanimous.

IV. Various Matters

The Committee discussed having a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting with the County Land, Agriculture, and Forestry Committee and the Parks Committee to discuss upcoming projects.

Discussion ensued over the Parks and Recreation Plan and how it will be a continuous agenda item until it is complete.

Further discussion ensued over the Parks and Recreation Forum. The Board asked the Coordinator/Planners Office to contact Camp Hayo-Went-Ha to inquire about a conference room where the forum can be held.

Discussion ensued over the request for the increase of the budget and the forums in 2009.

Discussion ensued over the Emerald Ash Borer and the issues the county is facing because of them.

Discussion ensued over the Spook Trail.

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to authorize the spook trail, if we get enough volunteers to run the event, with Stan Moore and Joe Meyers as the authorizing authority. Motion carried – unanimous.

Discussion ensued over putting an oil and gas pipeline on the rail trail and the benefits that the pipeline could provide to the county.

Discussion ensued over Bikes at ACNA.

Further Discussion ensued over purchasing the 10 acres adjacent to Barnes Park.

Motion by Linda Gallagher, supported by Don Schuiteman to request the Parks Committee look into acquiring the 10 acres adjacent to Barnes Park, possibly through a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Motion carried – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

December 2, 2008

Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

Don Schuiteman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Public/Member Comment

None

3. Minutes

Motion by Al Pecar, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to approve the August 26, 2008 minutes. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Various Matters

Discussion ensued on the joint meeting with the Parks Committee and the County Land, Agriculture, and Forestry Committee. The Committee discussed a potential desire for a Chain of Lakes paddle race.

5. Parks and Rec Forum

Mike Meriwether indicated that he thought a trails forum would be a good forum to have because of the different trails we have throughout the county.

Mike Crawford spoke on getting input from the County Residents regarding parks and recreation issues.

Jerry Dobrzelewski spoke on the need for highly visible “Designated Parking” signs for all trails where parking is available, and to add parking spaces where none are present, to make sure they get optimal use.

Discussion ensued over the forum and what we should do.

Don Schuiteman appointed Mike Crawford, Linda Gallagher, Jerry Dobrzelewski, and Mike Meriwether to a sub-committee to work on the Parks and Recreation Forum. Mr. Schuiteman also appointed Al Pecar as an alternate to this sub-committee.

IV. Barnes Park Recreation Plan Update

Eileen Wallick spoke on the accomplishments that have happened at Barnes Park in the last 4 years. The Committee asked Ms. Wallick to get with the Coordinator/Planners Office to create an updated list of priorities.

IV. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the forestry ordinance and where it is at, in regards to getting passed through the Board of Commissioners.

Further discussion ensued over state government and the road funding mechanisms.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**