

Antrim Creek Natural Area

Jerroll Drenth, Chairman

Jacob Veenstra

Betty Hoffmann

Gary Strange

Carl Veenstra

March 11, 2009

Minutes

Meeting held at Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth

Members Present: Jerroll Drenth, Carl Veenstra, and Betty Hoffmann

Members Absent: Jake Veenstra and Gary Strange

Others Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Review of Minutes

Motion by Betty Hoffmann, supported by Carl Veenstra, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Informational Arbors

Joe Meyers presented the panels to the Commission for their review.

Discussion ensued over the roof and general structure of the arbors.

Carl Veenstra spoke on the specs for the building and how he felt that the cedar shakes should have been installed.

Further discussion ensued over the structure and the issues Eileen Wallick had while sealing it.

The committee discussed mounting the signs; including the size and type of bolts to affix the signs to the structure. They decided on stainless steel ¼ inch bolts, with the Park Manager to make the final decision.

Joe Meyers informed the committee that we had a request to plow the entrances in the winter. The committee decided not to plow at this time.

Carl Veenstra spoke on how he would like to see some larger trees at the south entrance to help block some wind from the arbor. The Committee asked the Coordinator/Planners office to check with the Conservation District about trees that are suitable for that area.

5. Various Matters

Jerroll Drenth inquired about the re-graveling project at ACNA that was budgeted for this year. After discussion on when to bid out the project, the committee decided that the bid opening should be at our May meeting.

6. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Antrim Creek Natural Area

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May 13, 2009

Minutes

Meeting held at Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth

Members Present: Jerroll Drenth, Jake Veenstra, Gary Strange, and Betty Hoffmann

Members Absent: Carl Veenstra

Others Present: Joe Meyers, Eileen Wallick, Burt Stambaugh, Denise Stambaugh, Edward Stambaugh, Becky Stambaugh, and Lisa Stambaugh

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Bid Opening

Jerroll Drenth excused himself from the voting because he has a stake in one of the companies bidding.

Bid Opening

| Company Name | North Entrance | South Entrance | Stump Removal | Total Cost |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Bert's Excavating | \$5,880 | \$6,160 | \$150 | \$12,190 |
| MDC Contracting | \$5,025 | \$5,210 | \$255 | \$10,490 |
| Steuer Excavating | \$4,831.62 | \$5,028.80 | \$450 | \$10,310.42 |
| Giar Excavating | \$5,025 | \$5,725 | \$500 | \$11,250 |
| Drenth Brothers | \$3,965 | \$4,175 | \$150 | \$8,290 |
| SRW Contracting Paving | \$4,217 | \$4,447 | \$331 | \$8,995 |
| Earthworks Enterprises | \$5,278 | \$5,720 | \$550 | \$11,548 |
| J & D Carey Sons Trucking | \$4,206.16 | \$4,558.40 | \$280 | \$9,044.56 |
| Drogt & Sons Excavating | \$4,060 | \$4,400 | \$100 | \$8,560 |
| Heeres Exc. Inc | \$4,196.01 | \$4,547.40 | \$150 | \$8,893.41 |
| Matt's Excavating Services | \$5,885 | \$6,425 | \$345 | \$12,655 |
| Super M Excavating | \$4,400 | \$4,510 | \$280 | \$9,190 |
| Smalley Construction | \$9,750 | \$5,500 | \$300 | \$15,550 |

Motion by Gary Strange, supported by Betty Hoffmann, to recommend the Board of Commissioners accept the bid of Drenth Brothers and to post the results in the newspaper. Motion carried as a yea nay vote, yea: Jake Veenstra, Gary Strange, Betty Hoffman; Nay: None; Abstain: Jerroll Drenth; Absent: Carl Veenstra. Motion Passed

Jake Veenstra left the meeting at 7:18.

4. Review of Minutes

**Motion by Betty Hoffmann, supported by Jerroll Drenth, to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried – unanimous.**

5. Antrim Creek Natural Area Boat Launch

Discussion ensued over the letters from Mike Meriwether and Bill Dean and the content of the letters.

Jerroll Drenth discussed the recent history of the Commission discussing boat launches. In addition, the Commission does not have an issue with the boat launch being used as it currently is for small watercraft. Should there be a need for a boat launch/harbor for larger water craft, the commission would not be opposed to investigating a site on the Far North end of the area not currently being accessed by either of the current entrances.

6. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the Porta-johns at the Antrim Creek Natural Area and the Committee decided to place them at the natural area starting on May 15.

Eileen Wallick spoke on the phragmites in the Antrim Creek Natural Area.

The Commission discussed the Antrim Creek Natural Area Master Plan and indicated that if the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board wanted to make changes to the Plan they would be more than willing to review the changes.

7. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.