

Antrim Creek Natural Area

Jerroll Drenth, Chairman

Jacob Veenstra

Betty Hoffmann

Al Hurd

Carl Veenstra

April 27, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Carl Veenstra, Al Hurd, Jerroll Drenth, Jake Veenstra, and Betty Hoffmann

Members Absent:

Others Present: Joe Meyers, Laura Stanek, 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 Jake Veenstra, to approve the October 10, 2010 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Boat Launch at Antrim Creek Natural Area

Jerroll Drenth informed the Committee of the upcoming joint meeting with the County Parks and Lands Committee regarding improving the boat launch at ACNA.

Joe Meyers informed the Committee of the motion that the County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board made to improve the boat launch at ACNA.

Discussion ensued over the current boat launch and the history of a boat launch at ACNA.

Carl Veenstra spoke on the history of the property acquisition.

Jerroll Drenth spoke on the points of the Antrim Creek Natural Area Master Plan and how the public wanted to keep the boat launch unimproved.

Motion by Carl Veenstra, supported by Jake Veenstra, to recommend the Board of Commissioners maintain the boat launch as is per the Antrim Creek Natural Area Master Plan. Motion carried – unanimous.

5. Signage

Joe Meyers spoke on replacing the signs on the rocks when entering ACNA. Discussion ensued over the signs that need to be replaced.

The Commission decided to work to figure out what signs originally were on the rocks.

6. Various Matters

Betty Hoffmann spoke on how the Commission has been talking about creating a brochure for over 10 years and that there has not been one completed. Discussion ensued over the need for a brochure. Joe Meyers indicated that he would have a copy of our original brochure at the May 5, 2011 Joint Meeting with the Parks and Lands Committee.

Discussion ensued over the ACNA Endowment Commission.

7. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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May 5, 2011

Minutes from JOINT MEETING with Parks & Lands Committee

Members Present: Al Hurd, Jerroll Drenth, Jake Veenstra, and Betty Hoffmann

Members Absent: Carl Veenstra

Others Present: Joe Meyers, Laura Stanek, Eileen Wallick Todd Vigland, Greg Reisig, Patty Celovsky, Sue Dionne, Susan Hoover, Abby Husband, Charlie Koop, Mark Randolph, Bernie Blackmore, Gene Dawson, Brenda Ricksgers, and Mike Meriwether

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Boat Launch at Antrim Creek Natural Area

Joe Meyers spoke on the history of the Boat Launch on Lake Michigan and ACNA.

Gene Dawson discussed the different sites that have been looked at in the past.

Jerroll Drenth introduced the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission and the informed the committee of the Motion about the boat launch that the Commission made at their last meeting.

Mike Meriwether talked about the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's task and the different sites that were looked at over the past five years and the reason that they were recommending the Antrim Creek Natural Area for a site.

Todd Vigland indicated that the Board of Commissioners might want to look at the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Agreement to see if a boat launch would be permitted.

Discussion ensued over the need for a boat launch on Lake Michigan.

Patty Celovsky asked the Committee if the County has done a "Needs-based" study to determine if there is a need for boat launch on Lake Michigan. Mike Meriwether indicated that he did not know if one had been done.

Discussion ensued over a safe harbor.

Motion by Gene Dawson, to ask the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to look at additional sites on Lake Michigan for a Boat Launch. Motion rescinded.

Gene Dawson talked about the Lore Road extension as the potential for a boat launch.

Motion by Gene Dawson, to ask the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to look for additional sites for a Boat launch on Lake Michigan besides Antrim Creek Natural Area. Motion rescinded.

Motion by Gene Dawson, supported by Brenda Ricksgers, to recommend the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board pursue the Lore Road site for a potential boat launch and safe harbor. Motion carried – unanimous.

The Committee indicated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should contact the Michigan Waterways Commission to see if any studies have been completed regarding a boat launch in Antrim County on Lake Michigan.

Pete Garwood indicated that the Endowment Committee needs to meet to see if they need to use the funds for any projects at the Antrim Creek Natural Area.

Antrim Creek Natural Area, Antrim Creek Natural Area Endowment Commission portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

7. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Antrim Creek Natural Area

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October 5, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Al Hurd, Jerroll Drenth, Jake Veenstra, and Betty Hoffmann

Members Absent: Carl Veenstra

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 Al Hurd, to approve the April 27, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Signage

Joe Meyers informed the Committee that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund sign had been placed at the Natural Area.

5. Brochure

Discussion ensued over the brochure that the Administration and Planning Office compiled for the Natural Area. The Committee indicated that they would like to have the brochure completed and printed before Memorial Day of 2012.

6. Various Matters

Eileen spoke on the maintenance over the summer at the Natural Area. Eileen indicated that a few trees fell over the trail but the Barnes Park crew has taken care of them.

Discussion ensued over the issue of a boat launch on Lake Michigan.

7. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.