

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

January 22, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerome Dobrzelewski, Al Hurd, Linda Gallagher, and Stan Moore.

Members Absent: Mike Meriwether and Mike Crawford

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others: Gene Dawson

1. Call to Order

Joe Meyers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Election of Officers and Meeting Dates and Times

Mr. Meyers opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Don Schuiteman nominated Mike Meriwether as Chair.

Motion by Jerry Dobrzelewski, supported by Al Hurd, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Meriwether as Chair.

Motion carried – unanimous.

Jerry Dobrzelewski nominated Linda Gallagher as Vice Chair.

Motion by Jerry Dobrzelewski, supported by Al Hurd, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Linda Gallagher as Vice Chair.

Motion carried – unanimous.

Discussion ensued over meeting dates and times.

Motion by Linda Gallagher, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to hold the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings bi-monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried – unanimous.

Discussion ensued over the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

3. Kayak Trail

Discussion ensued over the possibility of a kayak trail.

4. Petoskey Stone Festival

Ms. Gallagher discussed the Petoskey Stone Festival Committee. Ms. Gallagher went through the membership of the Committee and invited the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to the Committee meetings.

5. Various Matters

Ms. Gallagher spoke on the Village of Bellaire and Craven Pond. She indicated that the Village has no plans on dredging Craven Pond.

Discussion ensued over the Elk Rapids Day Park and other current projects happening in our parks.

Discussion ensued over the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area. The Committee discussed the planning for the future development of our parks.

Motion by Linda Gallagher, supported by Stan Moore, to recommend the Parks and Lands Committee update the Parks and Recreation Plan to address the current needs of the County. Motion carried – unanimous.

Discussion ensued over a potential land acquisition.

Further discussion ensued over Craven Pond.

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Stan Moore, to request the Administration and Planning Department contact the Antrim Conservation District to discuss the dredging of Craven Pond. Motion carried – unanimous.

Gene Dawson spoke on the North Country Trail.

6. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

March 26, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Al Hurd, Linda Gallagher, Mike Meriwether and Mike Crawford
Members Absent: Jerry Dobrzelewski and Stan Moore
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: Gene Dawson

1. Call to Order

Joe Meyers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Public Comment/Minutes

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Linda Gallagher, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013 as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Parks and Rec Plan

The Board discussed the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Plan. Mr. Meyers informed the Board that he was almost complete with updating the census information and the new requirements for a Recreation Plan. The Board decided to mention the Elk Rapids Day Park Walk of Art in the Rec Plan.

Discussion ensued over the Parks and Recreation Plan and how to address the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area. The Board decided to let the County Forester and the Administration and Planning Department create draft language for Glacial Hills.

The Board indicated that they would like to see Glacial Hills connected to the Village of Bellaire.

4. Petoskey Stone Festival

Discussion ensued over the Petoskey Stone Festival.

5. Various Matters

Mr. Meyers informed the Board that a group of area Chamber of Commerce members are meeting to work out the logistics of a Kayak Festival.

6. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

May 28, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Al Hurd, Mike Meriwether and Mike Crawford
Members Absent: Linda Gallagher, Jerry Dobrzelewski, and Stan Moore
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: Gene Dawson

1. Call to Order

Mike Meriwether called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

2. Public Comment/Minutes

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Linda Gallagher, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013 as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Parks and Recreation Plan

Discussion ensued over the updated Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Plan and the revisions from the 2011 Plan.

Discussion ensued over the trails at the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area. The Board expressed some concern on the construction of the trails.

Motion by Al Hurd, supported by Don Schuiteman, to recommend the Parks and Lands Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners to halt further development on the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area trails and the Kirkpatrick Forest until the Township, Conservancy, County, and Forester meet to discuss the future impacts on the County properties. Motion carried – unanimous.

Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Mike Crawford, to approve the Parks, Lands, and Forestry Plan as amended for submittal to the Parks and Lands Committee. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Various Matters

Joe Meyers informed the Board of the progress on the Paddle Antrim Festival. Mike Crawford informed the Board of the success of the Petoskey Stone Festival.

5. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

July 23, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Linda Gallagher, Stan Moore, and Mike Meriwether
Members Absent: Al Hurd, Jerry Dobrzelewski, Mike Crawford, and Don Schuiteman
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others: Gene Dawson

1. Call to Order

Mike Meriwether called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Due to no quorum, no official action could be taken.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Trails

Mike Meriwether informed the Board of the Charlevoix to Traverse City trails group. Mr. Meriwether understood that it was this board's function to support trail development in the County.

Discussion ensued over potential routes for trails in Antrim County.

Mr. Meriwether indicated that he would work with the trail group to help them with the Elk Rapids to Eastport segment.

Gene Dawson spoke on safe harbors.

Discussion ensued over a boat launch on Lake Michigan.

4. Various Matters

None.

5. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.