

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission



The Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission
meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Antrim Creek Natural Area,
South Entrance Parking Lot, Banks Township

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

MEMBERS

Dave Heeres
Term Elected

Don Miles
12/31/2022

Lauri Gear
12/31/2022

Carl Veenstra
12/31/2021

Blaze Budd
12/31/2021

STAFF

Pete Garwood
County Administrator

Jeremy Scott
Deputy Administrator

Eileen Wallick
Barnes Park Manager

Margie Boyd
Secretary

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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

If you wish to attend this meeting and require special assistance, please contact the County Administration Office by writing PO Box 187, Bellaire, MI 49615 or calling (231)533-6265.

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order
- 7:01 p.m. Public Comment
- 7:02 p.m. Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2020 (pgs. 2-3)
- 7:05 p.m. Discussion: FY2021 Budget (pg. 4)
- 7:30 p.m. Discussion: Blended Signage - Steve Lauderquest
- 8:00 p.m. Updating Historic Information
- 8:30 p.m. Various Matters
- 8:45 p.m. Public Comment
- Adjourn

If you have any questions, concerns, please contact the Administration and Planning Office at 231-533-6265.
We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

Don Miles
Blaze Budd

Dave Heeres, Chairman

Carl Veenstra
Lauri Grear

Minutes June 24, 2020

Members: Blaze Budd, Carl Veenstra, Dave Heeres, Lauri Grear, Don Miles

Members absent:

Others present: Keegan (ACD Intern), Wendy Warren, Jeremy Scott

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Jeremy Scott

2. Public Comment

None

3. Organizing, Approval of Minutes

Carl Veenstra nominated Dave Heeres for Chair.

Motion by Carl Veenstra, seconded by Lauri Grear to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Heeres for Chair of the Antrim Creek Natural Area.

Motion carried – unanimous

Motion by Dave Heeres, seconded by Carl Veenstra, to approve the minutes of July 31, 2019.

Motion carried - unanimous

4. Grass River 2020 Education Proposal

The Commission reviewed the communication regarding the cancellation of 2020 educational programs at ACNA.

5. Discussion: Antrim County Sheriffs Office Presence

Mr. Veenstra informed the Commission about his concern and communication with the County about policing the natural area. Of particular concern was the litter and potential fire danger from paper lanterns. He noted there is an existing State policy against littering that can be enforced. Ms. Grear suggested posting appropriate signage near the beach area.

6. Trail Maintenance

The Commission discussed the proposed partnership with the Antrim Conservation District (ACD) on issues of trail maintenance. Don Miles expressed concern that four (4) hours/week may not be enough. Wendy Warren, ACD District manager, noted her concern about garbage and suggested placement of a garbage can. Members expressed concerns about dumping.

Motion by Don Miles, seconded by Blaze Budd, to recommend the Board of Commissioners amend the contract between Antrim County and the Antrim Conservation District for trail maintenance work at Antrim Creek Natural Area for the remainder of FY2020 at a cost not to exceed \$1,600, with funding to come from GL#234-756-802.

Motion Carried - Unanimous.

7. Plat Book Advertisement (Information Only)

Members discussed the advertisement for the ACNA that will be included in a plat book being published by the Antrim Conservation District in July/August of 2020.

8. Endowment Report (Information Only)

Members discussed the 2019 ACNA endowment report. Mr. Veenstra asked that this be forwarded on to the Endowment Financial oversight committee.

9. Conservation Easement Monitoring Report (Information Only)

Mr. Veenstra expressed concern that the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) may require something of ACNA in the future.

10. Various Matters

2020 Meeting Dates

There was a consensus to set meeting dates for 2020 as follows:

- Wednesday July 29th at 7:00pm – Township Hall (TBD)
- Wednesday September 23rd 7:00pm – Township Hall (TBD)

Meeting locations are subject to change based on availability of the Banks Township Hall.

Mr. Heeres indicated the end of the culvert is exposed and needs to be addressed. He also asked that a communication be sent to the Antrim County Road Commission requesting they take another look at the retaining wall. The Administration Office will draft a letter to send.

Mr. Veenstra said he was concerned with posts in the parking lot. He recommended replacing the existing wooden barriers with large rocks.

Mr. Miles asked that a discussion regarding blended signage be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Miles will invite Steve Lauderquest to provide a proposal at the next meeting on blended signage for trails.

11. Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

BUDGET REPORT FOR ANTRIM COUNTY

Calculations as of 12/31/2020

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2019 ACTIVITY	2020 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2020 AMENDED BUDGET	2020 ACTIVITY THRU 12/31/20	2020 PROJECTED ACTIVITY	2021 REQUESTED BUDGET	F
234000-000-566.000	STATE - LAND & RECREATION							
234000-000-581.134	FROM ANTRIM CREEK ENDOWMENT	7,070	7,070	7,070	7,270	7,270	7,270	
234000-000-587.002	GRANT - FROM MI NAT RESOURCES TRU							
234000-000-665.000	INTEREST EARNED INVEST & CDS	901	200	200	342	342	200	
234000-000-674.000	PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS							
234000-000-698.001	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	42			(72)			
234000-000-699.101	FROM GENERAL FUND							
234000-000-699.233	FROM FUND #233							
234000-756-710.001	PER DIEM - REGULAR		150	150		150	150	
234000-756-710.002	PER DIEM - COMMITTEES							
234000-756-715.000	FICA - COUNTY SHARE		10	10		10	10	
234000-756-716.000	HEALTH INSURANCE		10	10		10	10	
234000-756-716.008	DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE	2	5	5		5	5	
234000-756-718.000	RETIREMENT - COUNTY SHARE		10	10		10	10	
234000-756-719.000	OTHER FRINGE - AD&D ETC.		2	2		2	2	
234000-756-741.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES							
234000-756-802.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,885	3,683	3,683	150	3,683	5,100	
234000-756-802.464	CONTRACTUAL - ARCHITECT							
234000-756-807.000	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS							
234000-756-861.000	TRAVEL	48						
234000-756-901.000	ADVERTISING, PRINTING & PUBLISHING		400	400		400	50	
234000-756-934.000	GROUNDS MAINT.	627	3,000	3,000		3,000	2,000	
234000-756-941.000	RENT EQUIP. LEASE							
234000-756-956.000	APPROPRIATION							
234000-756-980.000	EQUIPMENT-PARKS							
234000-901-980.756	EQUIPMENT PARKS							