

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

*Don Miles
Blaze Budd*

Dave Heeres, Chairman

*Carl Veenstra
Lauri Grear*

Minutes July 29, 2020

Members Present: Carl Veenstra, Dave Heeres, Lauri Grear, Don Miles

Members absent: Blaze Budd

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Dave Heeres

2. Public Comment

Friends of ACNA looking for board members

3. Organizing, Approval of Minutes

Motion by Carl Veenstra, seconded by Lauri Grear, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020.

Motion Passed Unanimously

4. Discussion: FY2021 Budget

The Commission reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021.

Mr. Miles requested to add \$4,500 for Signage based on an estimate from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC).

Motion by Don Miles, seconded by Carl Veenstra to submit the FY2021 budget with the addition of \$4,500 for signage.

Motion Passed Unanimously

5. Discussion: Blended Signage – Steve Lagerquist

Steve Lauderquest from GTRLC spoke to the commission about blended signage. He estimated cost would be approximately \$1,000 per kiosk and about \$80 for direction signs. He will work with GTRLC to get signs designed for September 23 meeting.

6. Discussion: Updating Historic Information

Mr. Veenstra said Lindy Dickerson, the unofficial historian for the natural area, has passed. He said would like to see a website to keep historical information and recommended working with the Ellsworth Historical Society to gather and maintain a record.

7. Various Matters

Motion by Dave Heeres, seconded by Lauri Grear, to approve purchasing 20 YDS of gravel for placement on the South road and 20 to 30 YDS of gravel for placement on the North road as budget allows.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Mr. Veenstra asked whether the County needs a signed waiver for him to volunteer so he is not liable in the event a natural area patron is injured. The Administration Office will contact legal counsel.

Mr. Miles said he will have a bunch of woodchips he can put at the kiosk in the North parking lot.

Mr. Veenstra said soil erosion cloth is flopping around in the lake and should be addressed.

Mr. Veenstra would like to know how much is in the ACNA Endowment account. Administration Office staff will contact him once that answer is found.

Barnes Park Manager Eileen Wallick was directed to pull the wooden guards out at the South Parking Lot and place large rocks in their place.

Mr. Veenstra said the Friends of ACNA is in limbo. It needs to assign a board and adopt bylaws.

8. Public Comment

None.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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