

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission



The Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 23, 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

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order
- 7:01 p.m. Public Comment
- 7:02 p.m. Approval of Minutes: July 29, 2020 (pgs. 2-3)
- 7:05 p.m. Blended Signage - Steve Lagerquist Various
- 7:30 p.m. Matters (pgs. 4-6)
- Gravel Purchase
 - Volunteer Waiver
 - ACNA Endowment Account
 - Communications
 - Antrim County Road Commission
 - Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- 8:15 p.m. Public Comment
- Adjourn

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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.

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 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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09/14/2020

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR ANTRIM COUNTY
 PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2020
 % Fiscal Year Completed: 100.00

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2020	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 12/31/2020	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BDGT USED
Fund 234000 - ANTRIM CREEK						
Revenues						
Dept 000						
234000-000-581.134	FROM ANTRIM CREEK ENDOWMENT	7,070.00	7,270.00	0.00	(200.00)	102.83
234000-000-665.000	INTEREST EARNED INVEST & CDS	200.00	366.27	0.00	(166.27)	183.14
234000-000-698.001	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	0.00	(71.63)	0.00	71.63	100.00
Total Dept 000		7,270.00	7,564.64	0.00	(294.64)	104.05
TOTAL REVENUES		7,270.00	7,564.64	0.00	(294.64)	104.05
Expenditures						
Dept 756 - PARK						
234000-756-710.001	PER DIEM - REGULAR	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
234000-756-715.000	FICA - COUNTY SHARE	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
234000-756-716.000	HEALTH INSURANCE	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
234000-756-716.008	DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
234000-756-718.000	RETIREMENT - COUNTY SHARE	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
234000-756-719.000	OTHER FRINGE - AD&D ETC.	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
234000-756-802.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,683.00	950.00	0.00	2,733.00	25.79
234000-756-901.000	ADVERTISING, PRINTING & PUBLISHING	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
234000-756-934.000	GROUNDS MAINT.	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Dept 756 - PARK		7,270.00	950.00	0.00	6,320.00	13.07
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		7,270.00	950.00	0.00	6,320.00	13.07
Fund 234000 - ANTRIM CREEK:						
TOTAL REVENUES		7,270.00	7,564.64	0.00	(294.64)	104.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		7,270.00	950.00	0.00	6,320.00	13.07
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	6,614.64	0.00	(6,614.64)	100.00
BEG. FUND BALANCE		74,515.84	74,515.84			
END FUND BALANCE		74,515.84	81,130.48			



Antrim County Road Commission

DIETER AMOS, Kewadin
GODFREY "PETE" HOOGERHYDE, Elmira
FRED HUNT, Jr., Bellaire
BURT R. THOMPSON, P.E., Engineer-Manager
DALE E. FARRIER, Office Manager

August 12, 2020

Mr. David Heeres, President
Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission
PO Box 187
Bellaire, MI 49615

Dear Mr. Heeres:

I have inspected the retaining wall on Rex Beach Road leading to the Antrim Creek Natural Area (ACNA) since we made repairs this spring. As you know, these repairs were necessary due to damage caused by driver error. I see no indication that the repairs are not performing adequately. I do not understand the concerns of "risks potential damage to the public". If the issue is of aesthetics, then I'm sure the road commission would be open to proposals for removal or replacement of the existing structure from the ACNA. However, the road commission is not in the position to fund any such removal or replacement.

I look forward to hearing from you with ACNA concerns or proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Burt R. Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Burt R. Thompson, P.E.
Engineer-Manager

cc: Antrim County Board of Road Commissioners
Pete Garwood, County Administrator
Jeremy Scott, Deputy Administrator

To: Scott, Jeremy
Subject: RE: Trees over the trail and volunteers at Antrim Creek

From: Jon Throop <jon@gtrlc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Heeres, David <heeresd@antrimcounty.org>; Scott, Jeremy <scottj@antrimcounty.org>; dfmupnorth@yahoo.com
Subject: Trees over the trail and volunteers at Antrim Creek

Hi David, Jeremy and Don!

I'm reaching out with some questions and volunteer reports from Antrim Creek Natural Area - We have several volunteers who live very close to the property that are energized to help - they sent in these recent photos from a hike showing trees over the trail: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4Eq6XvvrjT8ZMSar5>

I also understand that there may be some liability concerns with our volunteers performing work on the property. I'd like to better understand what our volunteers are able to do, and/or what would be most helpful to you. I'm also curious if there are ways we can mitigate volunteer liability concerns in the future - GTRLC volunteers all sign an annual liability waiver for the work they do on our behalf - sometimes local townships have us complete a separate liability waiver to indemnify the township as well - could this potentially work as an option?

At this stage, I'm just hoping to get the conversation started on how we can be most helpful at Antrim Creek with our volunteers. Thanks all!

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