

# Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

January 25, 2011

## Minutes

Members Present: Don Schuiteman, Jerome Dobrzelewski, Mike Meriwether, Mike Crawford, Dave Peterson.

Members Absent: Linda Gallagher, Stan Moore

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others: Laura Stanek

### 1. Call to Order

Joe Meyers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### 2. Election of Officers and Meeting Dates and Times

Joe Meyers opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Don Schuiteman nominated Mike Meriwether as Chair.

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Meriwether as Chair. Motion carried – unanimous.**

Don Schuiteman nominated Jerry Dobrzelewski as Vice Chair.

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Dave Peterson, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jerry Dobrzelewski as Vice Chair. Motion carried – unanimous.**

Discussion ensued over the meeting dates and times.

**Motion By Don Schuiteman, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to have our meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday on the month at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### 3. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the Parks and Recreation Plan. Further discussion ensued over a potential boat launch on Lake Michigan.

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

The Board asked to view the presentation that was given to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in 2007 regarding the boat launch.

### 8. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

# Antrim County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

February 22, 2011

## Minutes

Members Present: Mike Meriwether, Don Schuiteman, Jerome Dobrzelewski, Linda Gallagher, Dave Peterson, and Stan Moore

Members Absent: Al Pecar and Mike Crawford

Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

Others: Burt Thompson and Al Hurd

### 1. Call to Order

Mike Meriwether called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### 2. Minutes

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by David Peterson, to approve the January 25, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### 3. Antrim County Road Commission

Discussion ensued over trails and what is happening around the County.

Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission Manager, spoke on transportation enhancement dollars and how you go about getting them. Mr. Thompson spoke about how only an Act 51 Organization (city, village, county, and state) could get enhancement dollars.

Discussion ensued over the widened shoulder on Torch Lake Drive. Discussion ensued over widening of shoulders on other roads.

### 4. Boat Launch

Joe Meyers gave a presentation that was given in 2006 for a boat launch on Lake Michigan (attached). Discussion ensued over the need for a boat launch. Discussion ensued over Antrim Creek Natural Area.

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Linda Gallagher to recommend the Parks and Lands Committee speak with the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission to look at improving the Boat Launch at ACNA for small crafts. Motion carried – unanimous.**

### 5. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Antrim County  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

May 24, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Mike Meriwether, Don Schuiteman, Jerome Dobrzelewski, Linda Gallagher and Stan Moore

Members Absent: Mike Crawford

Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

**1. Call to Order**

Mike Meriwether called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

Linda Gallagher spoke on how David Peterson resigned due to a lack of a meeting. Discussion ensued over meeting dates and times.

**3. Minutes**

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Stan Moore, to approve the February 22, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried – unanimous.**

**4. Boat Launch**

Discussion ensued over a boat launch and the discussion that happened at the Parks and Lands Committee meeting. Mike Meriwether indicated that the County wanted us to pursue the Lore Road extension.

**Motion by Linda Gallagher, supported by Stan Moore, to recommend the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair speak with the property owner of the Lore Road Property and have the Chair speak with an engineer on the feasibility of using the Lore Road property. Motion carried – unanimous.**

Discussion ensued over a safe harbor and what it entailed.

**5. Petoskey Stone Festival/Glacial Hills**

Linda Gallagher spoke on the Petoskey Stone Festival.

Mike Meriwether spoke on the Glacial Hills Property. Discussion ensued over the MNRTF Sign and other signage for the property.

Linda Gallagher asked the Coordinator/Planner office to check to see what restrictions the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has on the property due to the Grant.

The Committee decided the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held at Lore Road and the following meeting will be held at Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area.

**6. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Antrim County  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 28, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Mike Meriwether, Don Schuiteman, and Stan Moore  
Members Absent: Mike Crawford, Linda Gallagher, and Jerry Dobrzelewski  
Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

**1. Call to Order**

Mike Meriwether called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m at Lore Road in Eastport. Due to a lack of a quorum, no official action could be taken.

**2. Boat Launch**

The Committee looked at the Lore Road Extension and discussed whether or not it would be a good location for a boat launch. The meeting moved to Barnes Park after the site visit because of the rain.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the site.

Mike Meriwether indicated that he would put together some numbers to see the potential costs as well as estimates for an appraisal of the property.

**3. Various Matters**

Mike Meriwether indicated that Elk Rapids contacted him on the potential for a dog park at the Elk Rapids Day Park. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of what a dog park would bring.

Eileen Wallick informed the committee that there were a lot of dirty diapers at Noteware's Landing in the port-a-john.

Mike Meriwether informed the Committee that the 100' piece of property on Torch Lake that he thought the County owned is actually owned by the public and not the County.

**4. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Antrim County  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

**July 26, 2011**

**Minutes**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mike Meriwether called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Minutes**

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski to approve the May 24 and June 28, 2011 Minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.**

**3. Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area**

Mr. Meyers informed the Board of the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area Advisory Board that Forest Home Township had created. Joe also asked the board if they would like to be a part of their committee or start their own. Mike Meriwether spoke on the continuing process with Forest Home Township in planning for the property.

Discussion ensued over the development of the property.

The Committee decided they would like to be involved with the process and would like to discuss their involvement at the next meeting.

**4. Boat Launch**

Mike Meriwether distributed a list of the costs associated with building a boat launch (attached). Mike also indicated that the engineers and permitting agencies he contacted feel this would not be a good site due to the water depth.

The Board asked Mike Meriwether to check with the permitting agencies to see where a preferred location, if available, would be.

**5. Various Matters**

Mr. Meyers informed the Board that while David Peterson indicated he was going to resign, the Administration and Planning Office has yet to receive a letter of resignation.

**Motion by Don Schuiteman, supported by Linda Gallagher, to recommend the Administration Committee remove David Peterson from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and appoint another person in his place.  
Motion carried – unanimous.**

**6. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Antrim County  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

September 27, 2011

Minutes

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

**1. Call to Order**

Jerry Dobrzelewski called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

Bruce Laidlaw from Eastport MI indicated that he is interested in the cross-country ski trails and the boat launch issue on the agenda. Bruce spoke on how he lives 300 feet from Barnes Park and has been grooming the ski trails for 15 years. He has been putting down 8 km of trails and does it because he likes to ski in the winter. He would be happy to let the county take over the grooming of the trails. Bruce also indicated that he felt that a boat launch would be a terrible thing and Lore Road would be a better site.

**3. Minutes**

**Motion by Mike Crawford, supported by Jerry Dobrzelewski, to approve the August 26, 2011 Minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.**

**4. Cross Country Trails at Barnes Park**

Donna Lane, Upper Torch Lake Association, spoke on how the grooming of the Barnes Park cross-country trail was inconsistent last year. She indicated that she had a petition for maintaining for the trail and indicated that there could be funding by the UTLA for grooming the trails. Discussion ensued over how a trail could be groomed with volunteers.

Mr. Laidlaw indicated that he had been grooming the trails last winter but had been gone for a few weeks when he went out of town. He also indicated that he groomed the trails sometimes twice a day in the winter and thought he left them in good shape when he left.

The Committee asked Ms. Lane to submit the petition to the Board.

**5. Boat Launch at Barnes Park**

Joe Meyers presented the letters that were submitted to the committee from residents and campers regarding the proposed boat launch.

Mike Meriwether spoke on the history at the boat launch on Lake Michigan. Mike Meriwether indicated that he could have the engineer come back to Barnes Park to do some preliminary work.

**Motion by Stan Moore, supported by Linda Gallagher, to request the Parks and Lands Committee appropriate up to \$1,000 for some preliminary work for a boat launch at Barnes Park. Motion carried as follows; Yes: Stan Moore, Linda Gallagher, Mike Meriwether, Mike Crawford, Al Hurd; No: Jerry Dobrzelewski; Absent: Don Schuiteman.**

**6. Various Matters**

The Committee thanked Bruce Laidlaw for all of his hard work at Barnes Park.

**7. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Antrim County  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

**November 28, 2011**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Mike Meriwether, Mike Crawford, Linda Gallagher, Al Hurd, and Jerry  
Dobrzelewski  
Members Absent: Don Schuiteman  
Staff/Others Present: Joe Meyers and Christy Roman

**1. Call to Order**

Jerry Dobrzelewski called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Various Matters**

The Committee discussed the proposed boat launch at Barnes Park as well as the various other locations for a boat launch on Lake Michigan. The Committee indicated that they would like to speak with the residents informally to discuss options on how to proceed.

Discussion ensued over a "Parks Department" and how the creation of one would help the County promote and manage the parks system.

Discussion ensued over the Cedar River Natural Area.

Christy Roman, Executive Director of the Antrim Conservation District, distributed the proposal she submitted for an Americorps volunteer to help with improving the Cedar River Natural Area (attached).

Ms. Roman indicated that she received a half time Americorps volunteer.

Discussion ensued over the County trails, signage and use of public land.

The Committee directed the Administration and Planning Department to get aerial shots of Barnes Park and the Antrim Creek Natural Area (ACNA).

Mike Meriwether, Forester, spoke on the Glacial Hills Natural Area and how Forest Home Township is working on developing a Master Plan for the property.

**4. Member Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.