

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

Don Miles
Blaze Budd

Jarris Rubingh, Chairman

Carl Veenstra
Lauri Grear

Minutes August, 25 2021

Members Present: Jarris Rubingh, Carl Veenstra and Don Miles

Members absent: Lauri Grear and Blaze Budd

Others present: Tim Schacht from Friends of Antrim, James Hunter

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jarris Rubingh

2. Public Comment

None

3. ACNA School House

General discussion on the history of attempting to contact the owner of the schoolhouse has been unsuccessful for more than 20 years.

General discussion on the original master plan for the ACNA mentioning the importance of acquiring the schoolhouse for the natural area.

General discussion on funds from ACNA Endowment interest & uses. Handout provided by James Hunter regarding endowment uses.

General discussion on James Hunter's contact with Elk Rapids Title Co. who quoted \$2,000 for closing costs.

General discussion by Jarris Rubingh about having the County conduct a legal review prior to Action Request going to the Antrim Commission.

Report to the commission by James Hunter regarding Bruce Laidlaw's contact with the owner, whom has expressed her interest to sell the schoolhouse to the Antrim Creek Natural Area for \$30,000. She asked that be the amount she is paid for the property, if any additional fees etc. accrue with the transaction she does not wish to pay those.

Motion by Carl Veenstra to pay the price of \$30,000 for the school house & associated closing costs up to a total of \$35,000 for the purchase of the Antrim Creek School House to become a part of the Antrim Creek Natural Area using endowment interest funds from the ACNA. Second by Don Miles.

Motion carries.

In reference to legal description of Schoolhouse property "COM AT N 1/4 COR OF SEC, TH N 89 DEG E 263.51 FT ALG THE N LINE OF SD SEC, TH S 17 DEG E 378.73 FT TO A PT IN THE C/L OF OLD DIXIE HWY, BEING THE POB, TH CONT S 17 DEG E 264 FT ALG SD C/L, TH S 72 DEG W 33 FT TO TO THE SWLY R/W LINE OF SD HWY, TH CONT S 72 DEG W 132 FT TO A 1/2 INCH ROD, TH N 17 DEG W 264 FT TO A 1/2 INCH ROD, TH N 72 DEG E 132 FT TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON SD HWY LINE, TH CONT N 72 DEG E TO POB, BEING PT OF THE W 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 SEC 14 T32N R9W 1.00 A"

Motion by Don Miles for Parks Director to draft & send a letter of intent to schoolhouse owner explaining the process of asking to have the funds approved and the natural areas intent to proceed with purchase with the approval of the Antrim Commission. Second by Carl Veenstra.

Motion carries.

4. Various Matters

Complaint made to Carl Veenstra by a private citizen regarding lack of fire pits on the beach at the Natural Area. Suggestion by Veenstra to explore installed stone/natural fire pits in designated locations along the beach as a solution.

General discussion on securing the school house building.

General discussion on planning for use of the school house as a visitor center, meeting location or open house to be staffed by volunteers for display of the history of the property, significance of the Natural Area and to display artifacts from the natural area.

5. Public Comment

None

Adjourned at 745 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021