

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday November 15th, 2016**

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Treasurer Karen Karl, and Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor 5-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 10/11/16 and work session of 11/10/16, put forth by Coltas/Davis all were in favor, and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

All deliberations and discussions must be done in the public at meetings.

Financials

- Motion to accept Treasurers report as given, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor and motion carried 5-0.
- Motion to approve the financial Report from last month put forth by Coltas/Stigers, the Board was polled, Ayes- 5, Nays-0. All were in favor motion carried 5-0

Utility Board

No meeting

The lagoon is now repaired but no bills are in yet.

DDA

No quorum.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

Minutes of the Copper Harbor Parks Committee of 10/16/16

Present: Kelly Coltas, Staci Gibson, Ericka Vye, Rich Jamsen, Jane Jamsen

Absent: Miranda Davis

1. Park benches design
Chair Kelly shared catalogs from two companies and it was decided that benches with backs but no arm rests would be appropriate for the community park. There was some concern about folks sleeping on the benches but it was decided that the automatic sprinkler system would probably deter that. For Hunter's Point the benches would have no back or arm rests. Preserving unobstructed lake views at Hunter's Point is important.
2. The solution to folks abusing the bike wash will be solved by the placement of boulders around the area, and by shortening the length of the hose at the site. To further discourage ATV, etc., users from taking

advantage of this free service we discussed the possibility of putting up a sign that indicates that this convenience is funded by the “silent sports group.”

3. The road-end parks on 3rd, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th streets were discussed. The committee will work with individual property owners to find the best way to provide public access in each case. Property owners near the 9th street dock have agreed to remove the boat and kayak currently stored there. Some brush and trees will have to be cleared at the established road-end parks at 8th and 9th street to improve shoreline access. Rich mentioned that the rails at the 10th street dock are no longer functional and suggested that maybe these could be removed. This might provide more usable space at the site. Ericka also suggested that signage showing the history of the rails at the dock might be a positive feature to consider. Later aside, it appears that the 10th Street dock is still in use and just needs some repairs. We will have someone look at it next spring.
4. The tree replacement policy for all the parks is that removed trees be replaced by the same kind of tree. Also, a copy of our Park policies with restrictions and regulations that have been adopted will be given to each renter/user.
5. Kelly has discussed the Christmas light situation with Donny Kilpela and he is willing to cooperate so that lights are strung at a reasonable height to facilitate easy removal and no longer use nails or fasteners in the trees. The committee will assist Donny in this endeavor.
6. Access for kayak launching was discussed. The most accessible area is the marina and Ken Stigers is working on this issue with the folks at Ft. Wilkins and other organizations. He will keep this committee up to date on the developments.
7. The School Park is in need of some work. Miranda will talk with the school board who must decide on its vision for the park. Halonen is under contract to do the park maintenance and will be involved at some point. Staci is on the school board so we'll have two members working as liaisons to our committee.
8. Erika is working on geo-sites for geo-tourism. Signs will be placed at different sites in Copper Harbor that have been identified as historically and/or geologically significant. There is a list on the geo-tourism website and Ericka has a budget for this activity.
9. At some point in the near future, the committee will work on a 5-year plan for Hunter's Point Park.

10. Jane will contact Design-O-Type for estimates on the Hunter's Point brochure. The committee is not satisfied with the current printing.
11. Kelly announced that the formation of this committee has helped the Trails Club in earning points towards the grant to purchase 90+ acres of the bicycle trailhead.

This committee will meet on a quarterly basis so the next meeting is scheduled for January; the exact date to be determined later.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Jamsen

Secretary

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday November 2nd, 2016 with 5 members present. The count 911 committee has purchased new 800 MHZ mobile/portable radios and pagers for the revamped system. Those in attendance were issued the new units, with the radio service to be activated soon by the state police dispatch office. Trucks #1 and #2 were exercised and run.

At the mid-month meeting for October was held on October 10th, 2016 with 5 members present. One member will be out of Active service do to eye surgery, his Dr. will OK his back to active service when ready. Trucks #1, 2 and 4 to Lake Medora to back flush dry hydrant there. There were no department page outs and a few medical pages for the month.

LLB Fire

No report.

Old Business

Road repairs for 2017; Copper Harbor will have some of their streets repaired, Bernard, 5th, 6th, 8th and 300 ft. of Brockway. There will be conversation on other areas this winter.

AMAR; the review came back from the State and we did not do bad but not great either. The State wants the mapping done with a computer program, unfortunately this is an expensive change. The corrective action has been sent in and will be implemented in 2018.

Land Acquisition:

We received our final score of 375, we should know by December were we stand.

New Business

We are having issues with debris coming in to the Township foyer so we would like to use Columbia Linen Service to maintain rugs in the foyer. These will 4X10 and there will be three of them for a cost of \$60.00. They will be replaced with clean rugs every two weeks.

- Motion to approve Columbia Linen Service to maintain foyer rugs at no more than \$60.00 per month, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek. The Board was polled, Ayes -5, Nays-0. Motion carried 5-0.

Internet Service: The Township will need to go with a dual system. This is a needed upgrade so that the Townships internet is more secure.

DDA Member

- Motion to approve Steve Brimm as a new DDA member, put forth by Stigers/Karl, all were in favor and motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Sam Raymond came to give an update on the land acquisition for the Trail head. To Date \$43,000.00 has been raised. We will know by December 1st, if we are awarded the grant and then have until March to raise the remaining amount.

- Motion to pay audited bills for November in the amount of \$43,508.79 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk