

# Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission



The Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission  
meeting is scheduled for  
**Thursday, March 23 , 2022**  
Barnes Park Campground Offices  
12298 Barnes Park Rd., Eastport MI

## **AGENDA**

7:00 p.m. Call to order  
Public Comment  
Organizational Meeting

- Election of Chair
- Set 2023 Meeting Dates

Approval of Minutes - [November 30, 2022](#)

Grass River Natural Area Educational Programming

Parks Director Update

- Maintenance Update
- Signage Update
- Schoolhouse Grant Update

Schoolhouse Update

Various Matters

Public Comment

Adjourn

### **MEMBERS**

**Jarris Rubingh**  
*Annual Appointment*

**Don Miles**  
12/31/2024

**Lauri Gear**  
12/31/2023

**Carl Veenstra**  
12/31/2024

**Douglas Seaney**  
12/31/2023

### **STAFF**

**Janet Koch**  
Deputy Administrator

**Anna Hall**  
Parks Director

**Margie Boyd**  
Secretary

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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



# *Memorandum Administration Office*

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March 23, 2023

TO: Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

FR: Administration Office

RE: Approval of Minutes

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A draft of the minutes from the November 30, 2023 meeting is included in the agenda packet. If there are no corrections, please consider the following motion:

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes from November 30, 2022 as presented.**

# **Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission**

*Don Miles  
Douglas Seaney*

*Jarris Rubingh, Chairman*

*Carl Veenstra  
Lauri Grear*

## **Minutes November 30, 2022**

Members Present: Jarris Rubingh , Carl Veenstra, Douglas Seaney

Members absent: Don Miles, Lauri Grear

Others present: Jeremy Scott, Anna Jarvis

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

### **2. Public Comment**

Anna Jarvis, Antrim County Parks Director was introduced to the commission.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Veenstra, seconded by Mr. Seaney, to approve the minutes of September 28, 2022.**

**Motion Passes, Yes-3, No-0, Absent-2**

### **4. Schoolhouse Fundraising**

Mr. Veenstra announced that \$3,000 has been raised so far for the schoolhouse roof replacement.

### **5. Signage Update**

Several changes were noted and provided to the Parks Director to communicate to the conservancy.

**Motion by Mr. Seaney, seconded by Mr. Rubingh to authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$4500 for ACNA Signage to include a third kiosk.**

**Motion Passes, Yes-3, No-0, Absent-2**

### **6. Various Matters**

#### **ACNA Endowment Account**

The commission was provided with the current balance of the ACNA fund at \$45,021.

### **8. Public Comment**

None.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:15



## *Memorandum Administration Office*

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March 23, 2023

TO: Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission  
FR: Administration Office  
RE: Grass River Natural Area Educational Programs

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Please refer to the attached 2023 Education Proposal provided by Grass River Natural Area (GRNA). As with past practice, these three (3) programs would be held on site at Antrim Creek Natural Area, weather permitting, and use GRNA's "Field Guide to Northwest Michigan" and "Great Lakes Wetland Walks" as a resource. The commission can pick which three programs they would like to host. At the end of the season, representatives from both natural areas will meet to evaluate the programs. The total cost of the summer programs is \$450. This cost is consistent with previous years.

If you are interested in funding the 2023 Education Program, please consider the following motion:

**Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the funding of three Grass River Natural Area Educational Programs for a total cost of \$450.**



## 2023 Education Proposal for Antrim Creek Natural Area

Grass River Natural Area, Inc. (GRNA) is pleased to offer the following proposal regarding a collaborative education project with the Antrim Creek Natural Area (ACNA).

### EDUCATION PROGRAM (GRNA)

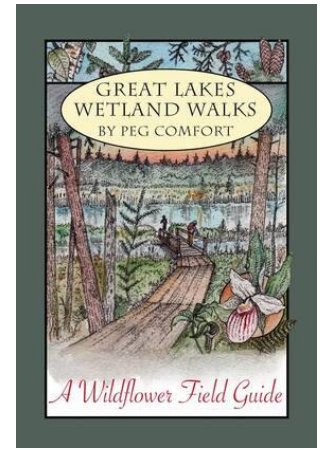
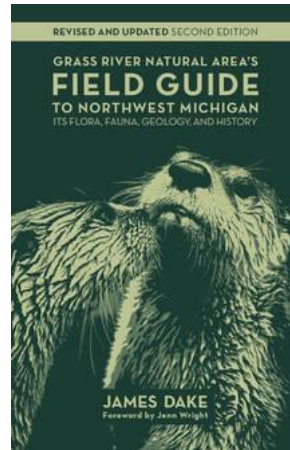
GRNA staff naturalists will conduct three programs that will focus on the unique features, wildlife, and history of the Antrim Creek Natural Area. Each program will include a walk and an activity relevant to the topic. The programs will use GRNA's published "Field Guide to Northwest Michigan" and "Great Lakes Wetland Walks" as a resource.

Proposed dates:

**Three Saturdays in Summer at 10am**

### FUNDING (ACNA)

Program Planning: 2.5 hours	\$40.00
Program Delivery: 2.5 hours	\$40.00
Program supplies	
Handouts/activity supplies	\$30.00
Administrative support	
Publicity, PR, flyers, registration, etc.	<u>\$40.00</u>
<b>Total per program</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Total for 3 programs</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>



### EVALUATION

In the fall representatives from ACNA and GRNA will meet to evaluate the programs (based on written feedback from naturalist and participants) and determine next steps.

### PROGRAM OPTIONS

*Shifting Sands Dune Ecology*  
*Ecology of Dune Plants*  
*Humans and Antrim Creek*  
*Unique Flora of Antrim Creek*  
*First People of Antrim Creek*  
*Wildflower Wander*  
*Historical Geology*  
*First Settlers*  
*Reptiles and Amphibians*

*The Health of the Creek*  
*Northern Michigan History*  
*Birding at Antrim Creek*  
*Tree ID at Antrim Creek*  
*Dune Wetland Walk*  
*Butterflies and Insects of AC*  
*Fern Walk*  
*Nature Photography*  
*Soil Study at Antrim Creek*

*Mushrooms and Fungi*  
*Sketching outdoors*