

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission



The Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

****SPECIAL MEETING****

is scheduled for

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Antrim Creek Natural Area Schoolhouse
9890 Old Dixie Highway, Ellsworth

AGENDA

- 7:00 p.m. Call to order
Public Comment
Discussion: Capital Improvements Projects
- ACNA Schoolhouse
 - Trails
 - Parking Lots
 - Signage

MEMBERS

Jarris Rubingh
Annual Appointment

Don Miles
12/31/2022

Lauri Gear
12/31/2023

Carl Veenstra
12/31/2024

Douglas Seaney
12/31/2023

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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

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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

March 11, 2022

TO: Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission
FR: Antrim County Administration Office
RE: Special Meeting (4/27) ****ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****

As referenced in the March 8 memo included in the agenda packet for the April 27 meeting, the Parks Director, James Hunter, and ACNA Commission member Carl Veenstra, were directed to put together a list of projects they felt would be appropriate for the schoolhouse. Additionally, members of the Friends of the ACNA (including Commission member Doug Seaney) have met and put together a document outlining their suggestions for improvements to the schoolhouse. That information is attached.

Please read through the items and come to the meeting with any additional ideas you may have. For right now, please try to focus on items that have the potential to be over \$10,000 (ex: roof, vault toilets, or paved parking). These are the items that will be included in the discussions the Capital Improvements Planning Committee will be having as they craft the 2023-2032 Capital Improvements Plan.

ACNA

Antrim City School

Overview

There has been a lot of interest in renewing the building in a somewhat historical manner. Exterior and interior appearance should remain true to period building methods while meeting mandatory building codes where they apply.

It is hoped the building can not only be structurally restored but ultimately be used as an interpretive center/welcoming center for visitors of the ACNA. The building has been used and will be used as a meeting hall for ACNA Commission meetings and Friends of the ACNA.

We'll be able to put educational displays – interior and exterior – that could include the historical story of the ACNA in an expanded version of our present kiosks. Historical and modern maps could also be displayed. The list of all the different displays could be developed at a future point in this plan. The school site could be used as a trailhead and an additional parking area for ACNA visitors. Trailhead signage would be installed. The grounds and building should be handicap accessible.

It is hoped that the building can be open to the public on a regular basis, possibly year-round. This would depend on volunteers to be present.

This report has an attached spreadsheet with priority projects at the Antrim City School (ACNA Schoolhouse Project). The top priority items are primarily structural, focused on saving the building. A decision needs to be made regarding bathrooms, running water, and heat, as these choices will affect costs and planning. There are secondary items that would be good to have eventually, including interior décor (desks, chalkboards, maps, etc). This report is not complete because all of the interior décor will be developed by another subcommittee in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Veenstra
James Hunter

Thanks to all those who contributed to this report.

ACNA - SCHOOLHOUSE PROJECT

*NOTE - Cost column
is a place holder
pending actual bids
or estimates

Priority	Project Description	Notes	Cost???
1	remove or repair chimney?	need decision on this prior to roof job	\$ 100
1	Foundation repairs	no major issues, tuckpoint and a few minor repairs	\$ 3,000
2	Square up exterior walls and roof line		\$ 1,500
2	Interior ceiling add missing beams		\$ 2,500
3	New Roof	Metal roof	\$ 12,000
4	replace crawl space access door	free labor, need materials. Done after foundation repairs	\$ 100
5	Building addition or separate building for bathrooms?	addition on back or self contained pod / building	\$ 40,000
5	Clean out interior	need dumpster? Labor free by volunteers?	\$ 500
6	Fill in old septic area	free by volunteers?	\$ 100
6	interior flooring - remove old osb	free by volunteers?	\$ 50
6	window replacement	modify openings to taller old style?	\$ 5,000
7	Entryway improvements - both front and side	ADA accessible on at least one entry	\$ 10,000
8	exterior siding repairs	need decision on size of and installation of windows	\$ 4,000
9	interior flooring - repair or replace with 3/4"	patch in bad spots or cover with all new?	\$ 3,500
12	Exterior painting	free by volunteers?	\$ 250
13	electrical	100 amp service is ok, need more outlets and lights	\$ 1,000
14	plumbing	decision point - addition to rear or separate bathroom bldg?	\$ 15,000
15	heat	in addition or in crawl of separate bathroom bldg	\$ 7,500
16	Insulation	fiberglass, foam, cellulose?	\$ 3,000
17	Landscaping		\$ 1,000
18	parking lot	ada signage / spaces	\$ 4,000
22	septic	if separate building could be self contained pod	\$ 4,000
23	Security system?	need phone or internet to be viable?	\$ 1,000
24	Interior walls - plaster, drywall, wood?	research historical paint colors?	\$ 7,500
25	interior décor - e.g. Desks, chalkboard, maps	display cases for smaller historical items?	
26	signage	interpretive signs	
			\$ 126,600