

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

Don Miles
Douglas Seaney

Jarris Rubingh, Chairman

Carl Veenstra
Lauri Grear

ACNA Meeting Minutes

DATE 4/27/2022 at 7PM held at the Antrim Creek Natural Area Schoolhouse

Members Present: *Jarris Rubingh, Carl Veenstra, Douglas Seaney*

Members absent: *Don Miles, Lauri Grear*

Others present: *Steve Lagerquist from Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, James Hunter Antrim Co. Parks*

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

2. Public Comment

An open house is requested by the Friends of Antrim Creek to invite the public on Saturday, May 28th. Also requested is a park cleanup day to be set as a volunteer event on June 11th. Commission discussed inviting the public and agreed to have the Friends of Antrim Creek host the two events.

3. Capital Improvements Plan – School House

Schoolhouse Subcommittee report provided by Carl Veenstra. Carl advised on the goal for the school house to be a welcome center for visitors which was educational for children. The theme of the CIP requests would be to save the building, maintain historical integrity as it is renovated.

CIP requests would include the top three improvements needed;

- Roof repair (Approximately \$11,000) to correct the roof and install standing seam steel roofing.
- Foundation repair (No quote was able to be collected)
- Well/septic field and bathroom to be installed in coming years.

Funding for these projects was discussed, with the possibility of asking the County to match ACNA funds using possibly forestry funds to allow for additional work to be completed. Commission requested additional quotes for those repairs.

4. Trail expansion/maintenance

Discussion about expanding the trail network to connect to the school house. A site for the new trail was selected to connect the upper rim trail near 'Iron Oak Grove' to connect to the new trail head which would be established at the School House.

Motion by Veenstra to erect a trail from the Schoolhouse to connect to the upper trail, not to exceed \$2,000. Second by Rubingh. **Passed.**

General discussion regarding N parking lot drainage problems, there being a need for aggregate materials to maintain the driveways and parking areas. Additional aggregate to be purchased and delivered for a day when volunteers from Friends of Antrim Creek can install with coordination from Parks Department.

Motion by Seaney to purchase 10 yards of stone not to exceed \$600 and 40 yards of wood chips for a total cost not to exceed \$1,100. Second by Rubingh, **Passed.**

Motion by Seaney to purchase additional aggregate materials as needed to create/implement a maintenance plan for the parking/roadway areas not to exceed \$2,000. Second by Rubingh, **Passed**.

5. **Signage**

Steve Lagerquist from Grand Traverse Land Conservancy gave insight on and shared a copy of the updated waypoint sign plan (attached). Steve advised it will cost \$1,200 for the signs to be updated to correct the previous errors and trailhead sign for the Schoolhouse Trailhead.

General discussion on the proper way to post rules for the Natural Area using the signage Steve is designing. An electronic copy is to be sent to James Hunter with Parks to facilitate discussion and implement corrections prior to the May 18th meeting so they may be finalized and approved at that time.

6. **General discussion**

Rubingh requested quotes for permanent vault toilets to be discussed during the May 18th meeting.

Adjourned at 8:24 PM by Rubingh

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022 at 7PM to be held at the Antrim Creek Schoolhouse.

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