

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

Don Miles
Jarris Rubingh

Douglas Seaney, Chairman

Carl Veenstra, Vice Chair

Minutes May 25, 2023

Members Present: Jarris Rubingh, Carl Veenstra, Douglas Seaney, Don Miles

Members absent:

Others present: Anna Hall, Steve Lagerquist

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Douglas Seaney

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jarris Rubingh seconded by Douglas Seaney to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion Passes, Yes- 4, No- 0, Absent- 0

4. Parks Director Update

ADA Parking Area

Repurposing the concrete slabs at the ACNA to create an area where visitors can park to view the beach/lakefront.

Discussion on the removal of the slabs from their current location underwater and what permits may be necessary, as well as potential funding and grant opportunities.

Schoolhouse Engineered Plans

Parks Director initiated discussion on the need for engineered plans for the Antrim Creek Schoolhouse.

Discussion on grant funding (DNR Trust Fund), the Antrim County purchasing policy, and the possibility of calling a special meeting in June 2023 to proceed with engineered plans.

GTRLC Sign Order/Installation

Steve Lagerquist scheduled the installation of the signs at the ACNA for June 1st.

Parks Director will pay the invoice from GTRLC for \$191.68 (kiosk lumber/materials that will be located at the school house trailhead. This includes (10) 12ft cedar 2x4s, (2) 12ft cedar 4x4s, and deck screws to assemble the kiosk), and from Image 360 for \$1408.32.

Parks Director stated that Antrim County received a letter from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, the available balance in the endowment fund is \$7970.

Volunteer Events

CAKE CISMA and the GTRLC will be hosting a volunteer work bee day at the ACNA to pull unwanted invasive plants. The work days will be held on June 29th & August 17th.

5. Schoolhouse Update

Mr. Veenstra and Mr. Seaney discussed the exterior portion of the chimney which may need to be removed and capped off soon to prevent further wear/damage.

Mr. Veenstra stated that the volunteer clean up event planned for Saturday, May 20th, has been rescheduled for June 3rd at 10am due to inclement weather. He plans to have volunteers create fire rings using rocks on the beach, clean up along the roadside, and assist him with correcting drainage issues.

Mr. Miles stated that the next Friends of ACNA meeting will be June 10th at 10am.

6. 2024 Budget

Discussion on the budget in previous years, and the capital outlay of \$9000 in the 2023 budget.

Mr. Veenstra stated that the ANCA will need to budget for purchasing fill dirt, gravel, and renting 4 porta-johns.

Mr. Rubingh requested that Mr. Seaney prepare a budget proposal for the next meeting in July.

7. Various Matters

Mr. Seaney spoke with James Dake from Grass River Natural Area and scheduled the education program for July 29 at 10am.

Mr. Miles stated that the Friends of ACNA has tentatively scheduled programs for August 12th with the Norwood Historical Society.

Parks Director will provide information on the trail counters used at Glacial Hills at the next meeting in July.

Lauri Gear has resigned from the ACNA Commission, and Sue ~~Holebe~~ **Holcomb** will be appointed at next meeting.

Parks Director will install address numbers at the schoolhouse.

8. Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjourned at 8:20pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on July 27, 2023 at the ACNA Schoolhouse