

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

Don Miles
Douglas Seaney

Jarris Rubingh, Chairman

Carl Veenstra
Lauri Grear

ACNA Meeting Minutes

DATE 9/28/2022 at 7 PM held at the Antrim Creek Natural Area Schoolhouse

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

Members absent:, Lauri Grear

Others present: James Hunter Antrim Co. Parks, Steve Lagerquist GTRLC

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Meetings

Motion by Miles, seconded by Seaney to approve the minutes from July 27th.
Passed unanimously.

4. Parks Director Update

Maintenance Update:

Discussion on maintenance of ACNA to date & work needing to be completed.

Trash Cans:

Discussion on how successful the cans have been at reducing litter throughout the natural area.

Signage Update:

Discussion led by Steve Lagerquist showing the most current signs & where we are in the process.

Trail Expansion:

Trail is completed & was inspected by Steve Lagerquist prior to the meeting (Steve helps GTRLC with their trail installation). Discussion on future improvements to other trails with similar upgrades made to the new trail.

5. ACNA Schoolhouse Plan Adoption

Motion by Miles for adoption of the plan as written, seconded by Veenstra.
Passed unanimously.

Note was made about the possibilities of needing or not needing a culvert in front of the school house if additional parking is to be added. Discussion on sand & stone content of the soil which allows significant drainage of the ground in the area.

6. Metal Detecting:

Parks Director updated the commission on how previous metal detecting requests were routed through Administrator's Office.

7. Various Matters

Discussion by Miles on having an artist or capable person produce renditions of the intended outcome for the schoolhouse renovation for future grant or fundraising purposes. Commission would like to see what this would cost to have completed.

Request to have Friends of ACNA website link added to county website.

Request to have Friends 10/1 community event at the schoolhouse submitted to local news channel for news coverage to engage public interest in the future project.

Motion by Seaney seconded by Veenstra to purchase schoolhouse roof repair services. To spend up to \$15,000 from ACNA Fund, but not to reduce the fund below \$22,000. Fundraising shall occur to cover additional costs in excess of \$15,000 to have the project completed. Should fundraising fail, funds are not to be spent from the ACNA Fund at this time.

Passed unanimously.

8. Public Comment

None

Adjourned at 8:30 PM by Rubingh

The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2022 at 7PM to be held at the Barnes Park Office.