

Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission

Don Miles
Susan Holcomb

Douglas Seaney, Chairman

Carl Veenstra
Jarris Rubingh

Minutes September 28, 2023

Members Present: Jarris Rubingh, Carl Veenstra, Don Miles, Susan Holcomb

Members absent: Douglas Seaney

Others present: Anna Hall, Janet Koch

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Carl Veenstra

2. Public Comment

Mr. Veenstra commented on two issues at ACNA, the dog leash policy and parking.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Rubingh seconded by Ms. Holcomb to approve the minutes from the July 27th, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion Passes, Yes- 4, No- 0, Absent- 1

4. Parks Director Update

Parks Director, Anna Hall, provided copies of the rough draft proposal submitted by Jennifer Carroll for the interior of the schoolhouse and trail signage to be discussed at the next meeting.

Parks Director provided an update on the TRAFx system purchase.

Discussion on the Subcommittee and Schoolhouse Interior Committee.

Motion by Mr. Miles seconded by Mr. Rubingh to appoint Anna Hall to the Subcommittee.

Motion Passes, Yes- 4, No- 0, Absent- 1

5. Schoolhouse Update

Mr. Veenstra stated that he installed a sign and device for security purposes at the schoolhouse. He has made small repairs to keep animals out of the schoolhouse and will prepare the chimney for winter.

Discussion on the structural evaluation report of the schoolhouse from Performance Engineering.

Motion by Mr. Miles seconded by Ms. Holcomb to have Ms. Koch and Ms. Hall seek bids from architects to address the issues with the schoolhouse indicated in the structural evaluation report.

Motion Passes, Yes- 4, No- 0, Absent- 1

6. Various Matters

Discussion on the success of the educational programs held recently at ACNA. The program held by Grass River Natural had an estimated 25-30 people (mostly families), and the program held by Dr. Chuck Cleland had 40 people (mostly middle aged and older) attend.

Mr. Rubingh commented that a concerned citizen asked him about a sign that was removed from ACNA. The sign was determined to be in the ACNA Kiosks.

Ms. Holcomb asked for more information on the DNR Trust Fund Grant mentioned at the previous meeting.

7. Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjourned at 7:56 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on November 21, 2023 at Barnes Park.