



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Council Chambers  
Land and Reservation Committee  
November 2, 2018

Call to order: 9:18 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Emily Proctor, Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Tribal Council Present:

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Executive Staff/Official Present: Natural Resources Department Conservationist Noah Jansen, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Planning Director Amanda Swiss

Judicial Staff/Official Present: none

Guests: Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch

Public: none

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**Motion** made by Councilor Proctor and supported by Councilor David Harrington to adopt the agenda for November 2, 2018 as amended.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion Carries

**Motion** made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve the Minutes of August 31, 2018 as corrected.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion Carries

**Phone Polls:**

*-09/13/18 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Residential Land Lease of Tribal Owned Land located at 3706 Kee Wad Noong between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Rose Mary Pyant as received from the Executive on September 12, 2018.*

*Comments: none*

*Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent*

*Motion carried.*

**New Business:**

**Discussion:** Natural Resources Logging and Timber Sale

- Two Tribal properties, Waawaashkesh and Odawa Circle, will be slated for logging and timber sales.
- The benefits of logging the Waawaashkesh property would diversify the age classes and forest. This would also increase wildlife.
- The benefit of logging Odawa Circle would reduce the fire hazard risk due to the scotch pine, which is a non-native species.
- Natural Resources Department Conservationist Noah Jansen has been working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forester.
- All environmental and archaeological work has been completed.
- A Tribal Resolution is needed from Tribal Council to continue with a purchase sale. Upon signage by both the Legislative and Executive, the BIA will solicit bids.
- Logging of the aspen trees on the Waawaashkesh property would commence during the winter months due to soft ground.

**Motion** made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Support for proposed timber sales on Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians trust lands.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Lears and Anderson Roads

- General Counsel Jim Bransky sent an email to former Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Eric McLester, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, and former Gaming Enterprise Board members Denise Petoskey, Billi Jo Head and Marvin Mulholland if the casino would be in favor of designating land use of parcel located at 2000 Anderson Road and assign it to the Odawa Casino.
- Former Odawa Casino Resort General Manager is the only response he received, therefore, Mr. Bransky will send out a fresh email to the Leadership Oversight Committee (LOC) and Gaming Authority Board regarding the property on Anderson Road.
- Upon obtaining an answer from the LOC and Gaming Authority Board, a phone poll will be conducted on the above matter.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion:** Lamar Advertising and Mackinaw billboards.

- New leases would need to be approved with a minimum twelve (12) year term in order to offset the expense of the new structures.
- An updated proposal is needed from Lamar Advertising with clarification on billboard #3.
- General Counsel Jim Bransky directed to contact Lamar Advertising.

**Motion** made by Councilor Proctor and supported by Councilor David Harrington to instruct General Counsel Jim Bransky to contact Lamar Advertising and negotiate an agreement for billboards on Pond Street and Mackinaw Odawa Casino Resort property and to include exclusion areas for threatened species.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Odawa Construction Ad-Hoc Committee update.

- No movement.
- Executive has a list of contractors who have poor performance and are not used by the Executive.
- Native Preference will be used and performance monitoring by the Odawa Construction Corporation. Tribal Council is will willing to give Tribally/Native owned construction companies a second chance.
- Planning Director Amanda Swiss, along with the Executive, to provide Tribal Council the histories of these companies.

**Public Comment:**

**10:09 a.m.** Public Comment opened

- Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch commented on dealings with the Victories Site where a sliver was not in trust. The Beaver Island property was recently purchased for \$180,000 when the Tribe experienced emergency budget cuts, can the Tribe afford this? Is the Tribe willing to purchase land in the Upper Penninsula or in Burt Lake? Will a hotel be built attached to the casino?
- Tribal Citizen Amanda Swiss suggests setting aside monies annually to fund upkeep and maintenance.

**10:31 a.m.** Public Comment closed

**Motion** made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign assignment of purchase agreement of the Stone Circle property on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Closed Session:** No

**Adjournment:**

**10:34 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to adjourn.

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** Friday, December 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m