



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Council Chambers
Land and Reservation Committee
March 1, 2019

Call to order: **9:10 a.m.**

Committee Member Roll Call: Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Emily Proctor

Absent: Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Tribal Council Present:

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee

Corporate Charters/Boards Present: Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc. Chairperson Kevin Willis & Board Member Gwen Teuthorn; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Board Member Kevin Donner

Executive Staff/Official Present: Direct Services Administrator Phil Harmon, Natural Resources Director Doug Craven, Environmental Response Specialist Travel Michaels, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Planning Director Amanda Swiss

Judicial Staff/Official Present: none

Guests: none

Public: none

Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to adopt the agenda for March 1, 2019 as presented.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor and supported by Supported by Councilor to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2019 as corrected.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Phone Polls: None

Discussion: Traditional Tribal Burial Board

- Met with Carl Crawford last fall to discuss infrastructure of burial grounds and process of burials.
- The Environmental Impact Study for Murray Road has been completed. The issue is the depth of nearby wells. A full report will be given to Tribal Council.

- Tribal Council approved a secondary Tribal Burial Site Plan at Osborne Road property.
- After clearing trees and stumps from Osborne Road, this could propose many new challenges due to the root systems. It takes 2-3 years, after clearing trees and stumps, for the ground to settle.
- The Board would like consideration for a new land parcel which has “open” property with little or no vegetation.

Discussion: St. Martin’s Island and Lighthouse update

- The Natural Resources Department is not interested in the building or lighthouse.
- According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, migratory birds use the island as a resting area.
- What would it take to restore the lighthouse back to historical standards?
 - Are there any grants that would assist rehabilitation to light houses?
 - The biggest issue is getting material out to the island.
 - Cost of \$200,000+ for using specific material that is used for rehabilitate projects.
 - The lighthouse is a unique, hexagon shape, whereas the outer buildings are not.
- Research the migration paths of the Beaver Island archipelago Indians.
- The NRD will designate the outbuildings and forty (40) acres to their department to return it to its natural state and transfer the lighthouse to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
- The current Interim Tribal Historic Preservation Officer can connect with a philanthropist to save it OR the new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer can research funding opportunities.

Discussion: Ziibimijwang, Inc.

- Site plans needed for Ziibimijwang, Inc. buildings and gardens.
- Permits for building needed making sure the new buildings are up to code.
- Build to commercial standards.
- As of today’s date, Zoning Rules have not been passed.

Discussion: Cemetery Road-farming plans

- Property on Cemetery Road will be in trust in forty-five (45) days.
- Plan special land use meeting for Cemetery Road and potential vacant property of Odawa Casino Resort’s.
- Cemetery Road Temporary site plan designation for farming.
 - Direct Services Administrator Phil Harmon met with Dan Berg and John Keshick III regarding what produce would be grown at this location.
 - One (1) year temporary usage for farming on Cemetery Road.
 - Long term for Murray Road farming.
 - Work with Environmental for list of banned pesticides.

Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 030719-01 Assignment of Cemetery Road Property, Petoskey, Michigan.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Proctor and supported by Councilor David Harrington to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 030719-02 Accept the Murray Road Site Plan dated February 11, 2019 with additional 1.5 acres for agriculture.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

11:30 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Proctor and supported by Councilor David Harrington to enter into Closed Session for land.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

11:58 a.m. Motion made by Councilor David Harrington to return to Open Session.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to assign Land Parcel #113.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

11:59 a.m. Opened

- No public comments

11:59 a.m. Closed

12:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to adjourn.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: **Friday, April 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m**