

MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

January 9, 2024
6:15 P.M.

Manistee County Board of Commissioner's Room
and via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Wayne Beldo, Chair, Vice Chair; Gary Schwaiger, Secretary; Linda Cudney; Eleanor DeYoung; Bob DeYoung; Jeff Lawrence; Robert Schulke, Devin Wegner, Tom Williams

Members Absent: Margaret Batzer

Others Present: Margaret Batzer, Recreation Commission Member (Via Zoom); Katie Mehl, Manistee County Planning Director and Recording Secretary; Sarah Herberger, Community Foundation; Clair Richards, SMARTrails Board member.

Mr. Beldo called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM, roll call was taken.

Election of Officers: Mr. Beldo opened nominations for the election of officers for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

There was a motion by Mr. Schwaiger, supported by Mrs. DeYoung, to nominate Mr. Beldo. There were no further nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

There was a motion by Ms. Cudney, supported by Mr. Schwaiger, to nominate Ms. Batzer. There were no further nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. Beldo, supported by Ms. Cudney, to nominate Mr. Schwaiger. There were no further nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the January 9, 2023, meeting agenda.

There was a motion by Ms. Cudney, supported by Ms. Wegner, to approve the agenda as amended, removing the item: Benzie County – RAISE Grant Resolution of Support from New Business. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the December 4, 2023, meeting minutes.

There was a motion by Mr. Schulke, supported by Mr. Lawrence to approve the December 4, 2023, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Introduction for new member – Mr. Beldo took time to have everyone introduce themselves to the new member, Mr. Williams.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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Friends of Smart Trails Report: Ms. Cudney referenced the December 11, 2023, Friends of SMARTrails meeting minutes and the January 8, 2023, meeting agenda. Friends of SMARTrails will be presenting to the Recreation Commission at the regular meeting in February.

Benzie/Manistee County Snowbirds Update – Mr. Coe provided the November 1, 2023, Snowbirds meeting minutes and December 6, 2023, Snowbirds meeting agenda for review by the Commission.

Benzie/Manistee County Dirt Birds Update – none.

Old Business:

- Commission Vacancy – All vacant positions have been filled. No action needed.
- ARPA Funds – Update provided by Ms. Mehl. No action needed.

New Business: No old business.

Other Items: Ms. Mehl updated the Commission on the 2027 US-31 reconstruction from M-55 the Stronach Road regarding Complete Street Resolutions. Ms. Mehl announced that the Manistee County Community Foundation awarded the grant for the Village of Kaleva bathroom trailhead facility. Commission discussed RFP to obtain quote for planning and engineering of DNR-owned trail segment from Thompsonville to Chief and bathroom trailhead facility in the Village of Kaleva.

Mr. Beldo adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM. Next meeting will be on February 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission

2/8/2024
Date