



MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
6:15 P.M.

Manistee County Board of Commissioner's Room
and via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Wayne Beldo, Chair; Margaret Batzer, Vice Chair; Linda Cudney; Devin Wegner; Eleanor DeYoung; Robert Schulke (Arrived at 6:42 PM); Bob DeYoung; Jeff Lawrence;

Members Absent: Gary Schwaiger, Secretary; Bryan Dunlop;

Others Present: Kristyn Malkowski, Recording Secretary; Katie Mehl, Manistee County Zoning Administrator/Planner I; Sarah Hershberger, Community Foundation; Susan Riley

Mr. Beldo called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, roll call was taken.

Approval of the July 11, 2023, meeting agenda.

There was a motion by Ms. Cudney, supported by Ms. Wegner, to approve the July 11, 2023, meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the June 5, 2023, meeting minutes.

There was a motion by Mr. Schulke, supported by Ms. Batzer to approve the June 5, 2023, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: No public present.

Trail Champions: Ms. Batzer would like to collaborate with Mr. Kennis to consider possible grant opportunities for the creation of trailheads at the Kaleva and Chief trailheads. Possible trailhead ideas were supplied (Appendix A). Grant possibilities can also be used for any trail maintenance that is needed. Claire Richards spoke on behalf of Rob Carson and Scott Slavin. They feel that the trust fund is not feasible and believe the Minger Community Foundation Grant is the best source of funding. The Minger Grant is due October 2, 2023, and Ms. Hershberger strongly advises the commission to get all their projects together to see if the funding is possible. The commission will bring items for discussion to the next Recreation Commission Meeting.

Staff Reports: Railroad Relocation Update: No update at this time. The Planning Department will update the commission when information is presented to them. Will remove from the agenda until further notice.

County ORV Map: Ms. Mehl stated the Planning Commission is waiting to hear back from the DNR.

Dam Update – Ms. Mehl stated that on June 20, 2023, the letters of support were sent to all state officials, just as the commission requested (Appendix B).

Friends of Smart Trails Report: Ms. Cudney referenced the June 12, 2023, Friends of SMARTrails meeting minutes and the July 10, 2023, meeting agenda (Appendix C). Clair Richards discussed concerns that are on the Big M, these concerns include: signage/direction clarification; soft and sandy spots; and the southwest corner bike path is bit dangerous going on the down slope.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Bylaws – The commission agreed that according to the Bylaws, the elected secretary, Gary Schwaiger, shall bring the current attendance issues to July's Board of Commissioner's meeting (Appendix D).

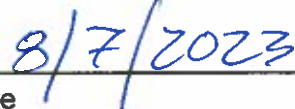
Other Items from Committee Members: Mr. Beldo would like the commission to be aware of the 19th Annual Regional Summit and suggested members attend (Appendix E).

Mr. Beldo adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM. Next meeting will be on August 7, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission



Date

Kristyn Malkowski

From: Barry, Douglas (DNR) <BarryD1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 10:06 AM
To: lcudney@aol.com; Kristyn Malkowski; Slavin, Scott (DNR); Wayne Beldo; l44planners@gmail.com; Bill Kennis; Al Taylor GTRLC; Margaret Batzer; sara@manisteefoundation.org; Filer Clerk; claire.richard231@gmail.com; Mike Szokola; Mark Coe; Robert Carson; Jacque Erdman; Marc Miller Manistee Chamber; Elaine Gibbs; David Myers; Laura Heintzelman; stickandstring@gmail.com; hello@zacharypawlowski.com; Mark Coe
Subject: Requested information
Attachments: KIOSKS 67767 PROOF - Friends of The Betsie Valley Trail.pdf

[WARNING: External Message - Use extreme caution opening links or attachments]

As requested, attached and below are the products that the Betsie uses. I'm getting a price from the sign manufacturer and will share when available.

[4' & 6' Outdoor Bench w/ Back | Contemporary Collection | Wabash Valley](#)

Doug

Douglas Barry
2064 Lakeshore Road
Manistee, MI 49660
517-614-7226

While I may respond to emails outside of regular work hours, there is no expectation for you to do the same. I respect boundaries around personal time, well-being and rest. Respond at your convenience.

Our Contemporary Inground benches with back are available here in a 6' length (see related product for 8' sizes) and are constructed from heavy duty 2 3/8" OD steel tubing. Optional mounting plate covers can be used to give your installation a clean look (for inground units use set of 2). Seats are coated in 1/4" of our durable PLASTISOL coating, while the frames and support tubes are coated in our top of the line powder-coating. Select between our DIAMOND, PERFORATED, or SLAT patterns. Optional bolt on center armrests can be used with any Contemporary bench with back (excluding our SLAT pattern).

Additional information

CAD Drawings

Assembly

Patterns

Additional information

Weight	<i>N/A</i>
Bench Color	<i>Black, Red, Blue, Green, Purple, Yellow</i>
Leg Color	<i>Black, Blue, Green, Purple, Red, Yellow</i>
Product Line	<i>Heritage</i>
Size	<i>4 ft., 6 ft.</i>
Collection	<i>Contemporary</i>
Pattern	<i>Diamond, Perforated, Rib, Slat</i>

Related Products



4' Bench without back—24" Wide—ADA Accessible—Surface Mount



Ash Urn- Classic Collection- Portable/Surface Mount- Planet Fitness Exclusive



4' Bench with back—ADA Surface Mount—Planet Fitness Exclusive

M22 Crossing

Sign 2: Gateway Identification:

Side 1

On Frankfort side of M22
(facing Elberta Trailhead - Beulah)



Side 2

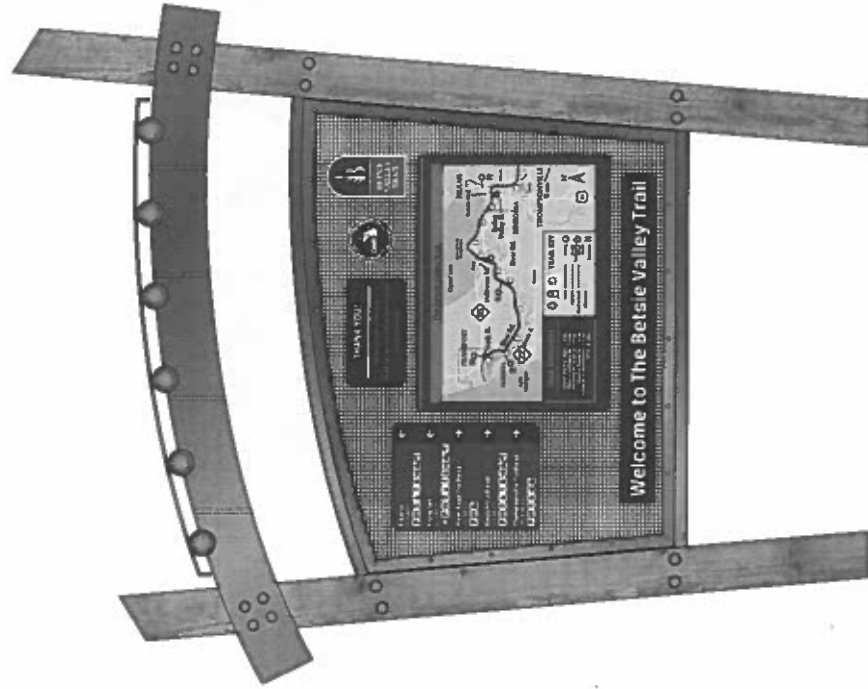
Facing Frankfort



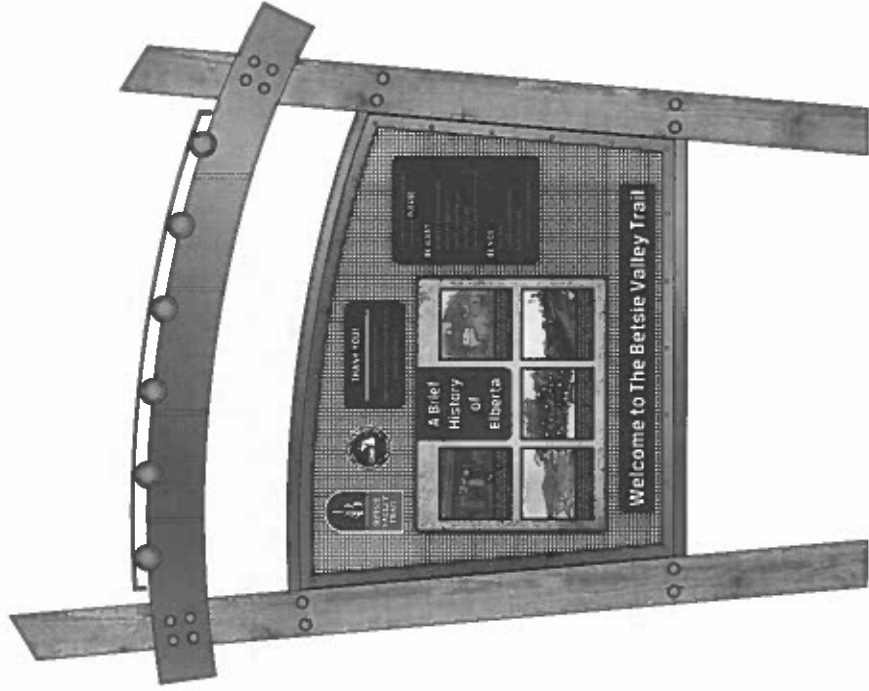
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Sign 4: Large Kiosk (with roof)

Front:
(facing trail)



Back:
(facing parking lot)

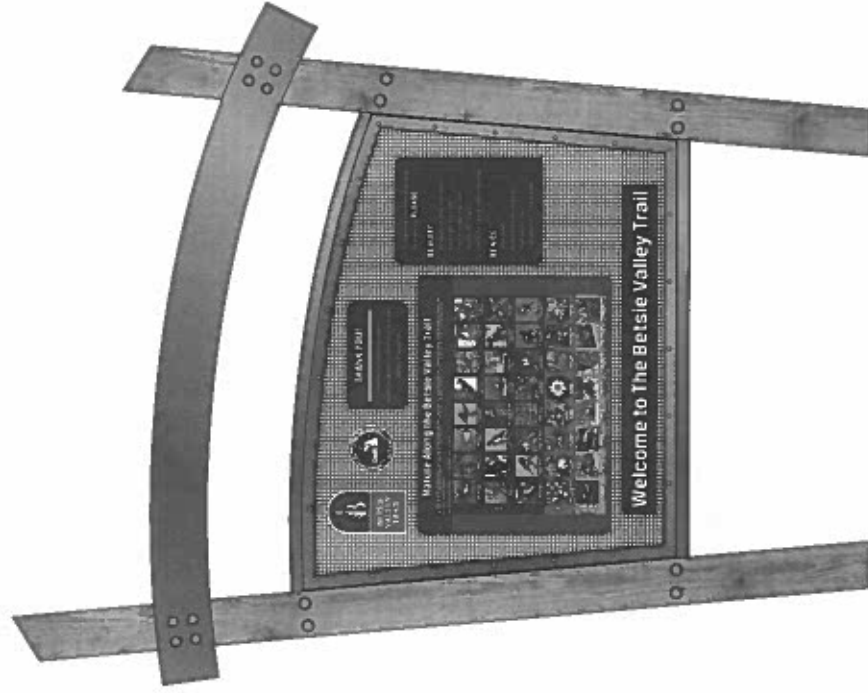


Kiosk
River Road Trailhead in Parking Lot
Sign 6: Large Kiosk (no roof)

Front:
(facing trail)



Back:
(facing parking lot)



Frankfort Side of Main Street in Beulah - Trail Crosses Benzie Boulevard **Sign 8: Gateway Identification:**

Side 1

Facing Thompsonville



Side 2

Facing Frankfort



*need to confirm direction¹³of sign / placement of pole

Mileage Markers

Sign 10: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 12: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 14: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 16: Trail Plaquard Post

DO NOT NEED THIS SIGN

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 18: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 20: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 22: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 24: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 26: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

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Mileage Markers

Sign 28: Trail Plaquard Post

Front

Back



Mileage Markers

Sign 30: Trail Plaqard Post

Front

Back





1702 Barlow St.
 Traverse City, MI 49686
 (231) 933-7446

ESTIMATE

Est-TC-87248

image360tc.com

Payment Terms: 50% down, balance on comp.

Created Date: 6/16/2023

DESCRIPTION: Trailhead Kiosk Sign

Bill To: Barry, Douglas
 2064 Lakeshore Road
 Manistee, MI 49660
 US

Requested By: Douglas Barry
 Email: BarryD1@michigan.gov
 Work Phone: (517) 614-7226

Salesperson: Dan Reed
 Email: dan@image360tc.com

NO.	Product Summary	QTY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	ESTIMATED: design/setup of messaging/panels	1	\$399.00	\$399.00
2	1a Large Kiosk (no roof) structure w/ 7x7" black locust wood posts with vandal-resistant SS hardware and pre-cast concrete foundations	1	\$12,956.75	\$12,956.75
3	1b Large Kiosk (no roof) sign panels for BOTH sides	2	\$3,422.945	\$6,845.89
4	Miss Dig coordination	1	\$42.78	\$42.78
5	Install	1	\$3,084.23	\$3,084.23

Our team truly appreciates the opportunity to provide you with an estimate. This estimate covers the services specified above. If the scope of the work changes from the original estimate, approved revisions and additions will be charged accordingly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Subtotal:	\$23,328.65
Taxes:	\$1,192.53
Grand Total:	\$24,521.18
Deposit Required:	\$12,260.59

Please note that all credit card transactions over \$2,000 will incur a 3% transaction fee.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Recreation Commission

June 20, 2023

U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Wayne Beldo
Manistee County
Recreation Commission
415 3rd St.
Manistee, MI 49660
231.398.3504

Dear Secretary Granholm,

I am writing to you as Board Chairperson for the Manistee County Recreation Commission in opposition to the removal of Tippy Dam and Hodenpyl Dam on the Manistee River. The economic, environmental, and recreational benefit that these two dams provide the citizens of Manistee County, the State of Michigan, and the region cannot be understated. The world class fishing opportunities upon the Manistee River, as well as the endangered species habitat for the Northern Long-Eared Bat within Tippy Dam and the Trumpeter Swan in the backwaters of Holdenpyl Dam and around Tippy must be protected. In 2007, the Michigan Audubon Society presented Consumers Energy with its Environmental Business Award to recognize the utility for its efforts to reestablish the swan population. We applaud these efforts and encourage Consumers Energy to expand on them. We hope Consumers Energy will make an investment in Michigan, Manistee County, and along the Manistee River, by reinvesting in clean energy produced by these hydroelectric dams and to make the investment in continuing power production at these sites. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider supporting these hydroelectric dams as part of Consumer Energy's clean energy plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Beldo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Beldo
Chairperson
Manistee County
Recreation Commission



Recreation Commission

June 20, 2023

Senator Debbie Stabenow
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Wayne Beldo
Manistee County
Recreation Commission
415 3rd St.
Manistee, MI 49660
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June 20, 2023

Senator Gary C. Peters
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Wayne Beldo
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June 20, 2023

Representative Curt VanderWall
SHouse Office Building 13-1386
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Wayne Beldo
Manistee County
Recreation Commission
415 3rd St.
Manistee, MI 49660
231.398.3504

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Friends of SMARTrails
Village of Kaleva former Elementary School
9208 Kauko Street
Kaleva, MI 49645
Monday, July 10, 2023
6:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - 1. Roll Call**

- II. Consent Agenda**
 - 1. Approval of June 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - 2. Treasurers Report and payment of bills.**

- III. New Business**
 - 1. Scott Cichoracki, US Forest Service**
 - 2.**
 - 3.**

- IV. Old Business**
 - 1. Update of Website**
 - 2. EDA Update**
 - 3. Strategic Plan redo**
 - 4. Summer Festivals**
 - 5.**

- V. Other Business**
 - 1. County Recreation Commission update**
 - 2. Marketing Committee Update**

- VI. Board Members Comments/Correspondence**

- VII. Adjourn**

- VIII. Next meeting date: August 14, 2023**

IV. Old Business

1. Update of Website

The consensus of all is that it looks great. Good job Zach.

2. EDA Update

Rob met with the engineering firm and the RFP's were done. EDA has an agreement with the engineering firm and will have final engineering the end of summer. Next will be the permitting through EGLE and permits should be done in the fall. Construction bidding should be done by May 1, 2024 work done in the summer of 2024. The Construction has to be done by 2025.

3. Strategic Plan Update

Still a work in progress.

4. Summer Festivals

Mark Coe will volunteer at the Spirit of the Woods festival. Jacque will volunteer at Bear Lake Days. We will need someone for Kaleva Days July 15-16. Linda will volunteer for Copemish Days. It was decided that the "Big Bear Butt Cruise" was a great place to volunteer at and possibly we could put some information, etc. in their pack they do for the bikers. Because of so many dates, it will not be possible to attend all of them so went through the most important ones. We can figure out Kaleva Days and Onekama Days at the July meeting.

V. Other Business

1. Recreation Commission Update

Linda and Wayne Beldo reported on the Recreation Commission meeting on June 5, 2023. Mr Beldo requested that anyone on the Recreation commission could volunteer at any of the festivals in the County along with SMARTrails members. Linda sent out a list of summer festivals to the Recreation Commission. The contract between the City of Manistee and the County Planning Department was not renewed, so the County Planning Department will have a staff member to fill the recreation manager position. The County grant writer was able to secure a grant for \$426,000.00 for a study for the "Rail Relocation Project". The County did not apply for the second round of the SPARK grant but will try for round 3. Mr Beldo signed a letter of support for new infrastructure at the Spirit of the Woods in Dickson Township.

2. Marketing Committee Update

Did not meet.

VI. Comments/Correspondence

1. **The Chief Trailhead** was discussed and will need preliminary engineering plans plus materials. Possibly apply for a Minger Grant October 1, 2023.
2. **Thompsonville to Interlochen Trail.** Mark reported that EGLE looked at the trail and there may be money through the DNR Snowmobile Grant Program. There is a new EGLE Representative to work with.
3. **Leffew Road Bridge Over Bear Creek** has needed to be replaced for many years and possibly a SPARK grant can be applied for to fix it.
4. **Credit Card and Credit Card Policy** Zach asked about a credit card and possibly a credit card policy, which can state a monetary level. It would be an easier way to buy things needed. Jacque will check with Filer Credit Union and we can discuss at the July meeting.

XIII. Attendance

If any member of the Commission is absent from three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, then that member shall be considered delinquent. Delinquency shall be grounds for the County Board of Commissioners to remove a member from the commission for nonperformance of duty, or misconduct. The elected secretary, or acting secretary in the absence of the elected secretary, shall keep attendance records and shall notify the County Board of Commissioners whenever any member of the Commission is absent from three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

XIV. Order of Meeting

The rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of this Commission and not contrary to the resolution establishing the Commission, or any existing law of the State of Michigan. The following rules shall apply to specific items listed in Order of Meetings:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Approval of Agenda
- c. Approval of Minutes
- d. Public Comment
 - i. *An individual shall not have more than five minutes to address the Commission. A representative of an organization shall not have more than ten minutes to address the Commission. The total time taken for this item on the agenda shall not exceed forty minutes. Citizen's wishing to address the Commission shall speak in the order in which they notify the Planning Director of the Commission, or his/her designee.*
- e. Communications/Correspondence
- f. Financial Report
- g. Staff and Committee Reports
- h. Public Hearing
 - i. *Any three members of the Commission may call a Public Hearing on any agenda item. The same rules shall apply to Public Hearings as apply in*