

MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, September 13, 2022
6:15 P.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room and via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Wayne Beldo, Chair; Margaret Batzer; Erin Secord; Linda Cudney; Eleanor DeYoung; Devin Wagner via Zoom; Gary Schwaiger; Robert Schulke; Bryan Dunlop
Members Absent:

Others Present: Kristyn Malkowski, Recording Secretary; Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller; Bill Kennis, County Grant Writer; Mike Szokola, Manistee County Planning Director; Jodi Lynch, Manistee County Planner/Zoning Administrator

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

Approval of the September 13, 2022, meeting agenda.

There was a motion by Mr. Beldo, supported by Ms. Batzer, to approve the September 13, 2022, agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the August 1, 2022, Minutes.

There was a motion by Mr. Dunlop, supported by Ms. Cudney, to approve the August 1, 2022, Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the August 15, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes.

There was a motion by Mr. Dunlop, supported by Ms. Cudney, to approve the August 15, 2022, Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comment.

Trail Champions: Nothing Reported

Staff Reports. Mr. Szokola stated that he spoke with DTE about potential trails onto their service roads, he is still waiting for a response back. He also met with Bill Gambill, City Manager, & Ms. Sagala regarding the possibility of a partnership with the potential Recreation Manager position. Mr. Gambill stated he will have a discussion with the City Parks & Recreation Committee. More discussions will take place regarding the Recreation Manager at the meeting on September 28,

push for grant opportunity. Find the direction they would like him to work towards. Grant applications are in the first quarter of next year, so it is a great idea to start now. Mr. Szokola states that the next step for the Commission is to review the planning and goals section of the Recreation Plan and prioritize projects. The Commission will brainstorm at October recreation meeting.

Jodi Lynch, the Planning/Zoning Administrator, introduced herself. She is taking on Arcadia Township, Bear Lake Township and Onekama Township. Mr. Szokola will handle the Villages for now, but she has been spending time in the field with him, to get to know the area.


Other Items from Committee Members: The Commission would like to see a trail map that can give the visualization of all the completed, pending, and future trails. Mr. Szokola stated the Commission can make a recommendation to the Planning Department to create said maps and when the time develops, maps can be created. Mr. Szokola also stated that he has an ORV trail map, but it is outdated. There are new trails that opened for ORV use so having proper signs to extinguish which trails can be used is necessary. The Planning Commission can submit grant requests or collaborate with Townships on sign designs or grant applications. By working with the Township/Villages, it can bring more funding opportunities and create good working relationships between all entities.

Ms. Secord wanted to bring up the equestrian trail use concerns again. Currently there are amendments being made in legislation in terms of non-motorized trails on DNR owned land to make it difficult to restrict equestrian use. There is also language of banding bicycles from multi-use trails that are open to equestrian use by law. Ms. Secord feels that Manistee County should work with the equestrian trail users and work together on finding what is best for the trails in our County and respect every trail user.

Mr. Schulke and Mr. Beldo stated there will be meetings October 4 and 5, 2022 with Consumers Energy and Government officials regarding the removal of hydroelectric dams and possibly turning them into trails. Ms. Batzer suggested anyone who is able, should attend any meetings regarding trail use.

Mr. Beldo adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM. Next meeting will be changed from Monday October 3 to Tuesday October 4, 2022, at 6:15 pm, in the County Board of Commissioner's room.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Secord, Recreation Commission Secretary



Date



Friends of SMARTrails
Village of Kaleva former Elementary School
9208 Kauko Street
Kaleva, MI 49645
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - 1. Roll Call**
- II. Consent Agenda**
 - 1. Approval of August 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - 2. Treasurers Report and payment of bills.**
- III. New Business**
 - 1. New County Grant Writer William Kennis**
 - 2. Tamara Buswinka update**
 - 3. Volunteer shirts and hats**
- IV. Old Business**
 - 1. Update of Website**
 - 2. EDA Update**
 - 3. Festival Updates**
- V. Other Business**
 - 1. Recreation Commission Update**
 - 2. Marketing Committee update**
 - 3. Fund Raising update.**
 - 4.**
- VI. Board Members Comments/Correspondence**
- VII. Adjourn**
- VIII. Next meeting date: Monday, October 10, 2022**

Kristyn Malkowski

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Subject: Re: Meeting next Monday evening of SMARTrails

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All,

I've had a conflict arise and I'm going to be unable to attend tonight's SMARTrails meeting.

The Economic Development Administration Grant update is as follows. The grant was formally awarded. I'm currently working through the grant award paperwork and will be convening a meeting with Scott Slavin and our EDA contact in order to move forward with the process. I anticipate we will be meeting either next week or the following week depending upon scheduling. I want to thank everyone for supporting the grant and this project.

Thanks,

Rob

On Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 7:14 PM <lcudney@aol.com> wrote:

Attached is the draft agenda for next Monday evening.....Please look over and let me know if there is something you want added or deleted.....

**thanks
Linda**

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