

MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

January 6, 2025
6:15 P.M.

Manistee County Planning Department Conference Room
and via Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Wayne Beldo, Chair; Margaret Batzer, Vice Chair; Gary Schwaiger, Secretary; Eleanor DeYoung; Bob DeYoung; Robert Schuelke; Devin Wegner; Linda Cudney; Jeff Lawrence; Shayne Machen

Members Absent: Devin Wegner (Via Zoom)

Others Present: David Jarvi, Manistee County Planner; Sara Herberger, Manistee County Community Foundation; Sally Trisch, Dickson Township (Via Zoom)

Mr. Beldo called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM, roll call was taken.

Approval of the January 6, 2025, meeting agenda.

There was a motion by Mr. Schuelke supported by Mr. Schwaiger to approve the January 6, 2025, meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the December 2, 2024, meeting minutes.

There was a motion by Ms. Cudney supported by Mr. Schwaiger to approve the December 2, 2024, meeting minutes as amended. All In favor, motion carried.

Ms. Machen enters at 6:19.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Discussion was had and it was settled that election of officers will take place at the February meeting.

Friends of SMARTrails Update:

- There was no November meeting, as there was no quorum.
- Meeting dates for 2025 have been set.
- SMARTrails is looking for a new member.
- Ms. Richards is looking to attend a Manistee Twp. board meeting, to gather opinions on trail going into Manistee.
- Ms. Cudney will attend next TARP meeting.
- SMARTrails annual meeting is coming up.
- Ms. Richards is planning on making a newsletter for SMARTrails.
- Title work is done for trail that runs from Thompsonville to Copemish.
- Interest in having a trails summit.

Ms. Batzer enters at 6:26.

Benzie/Manistee County Dirt Birds Update

- No update was given.

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Manistee County Snowbirds Update

- No update was given.

Municipality Update:

- No one was present to give update.

Planning Department Staff Update:

- Mr. Jarvi updated the commission on the Kaleva Village Council meeting that he recently attended. A public input session is scheduled for January 20th, before the village council meeting. This will hopefully help us with grant scoring.
- Mr. Jarvi gave an update on the Lifejacket Station Replenishment Grant Project. Mr. Jarvi is attending three upcoming municipality board/council meetings to update them and secure a letter of support. A letter of support has been already received from Bear Lake Village.
- Mr. Jarvi did some math and received a quote from a sporting goods company. 112 lifejackets could be bought for all the required sizes. Each station would get 35 new lifejackets in each size that is required.
- Mr. Jarvi asked if the commission wanted to have a work session at an upcoming meeting, to determine goals, priority projects, and objectives for the year.
- Discussion ensued about the work session. It was decided that a meeting in spring would be most appropriate.
- Mr. Jarvi presented signed meeting schedule for 2025.

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer supported by Mr. Schuelke to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. All in favor, motion carried.

- Discussion ensued about DNR grant that we are applying for in spring 2025. Funding gap for trailhead facility and the cost of construction of the trailhead facility.
- Discussion ensued about quotes for trailhead which should be back from Fleece and Vandenbrink soon. Future quotes and RFP were also discussed.

Old Business:

Parking/Street Design Document:

- Discussion ensued about aspects of document.
- General discussion about Onekama Trails Project, possible street design changes in locations around the county.

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer, supported by Mr. Schuelke to accept Rethinking Parking & Street Design in Rural Towns Document. All in favor, motion Carried

Economic Development Document:

- Mr. Jarvi gave an overview of the document.

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New Business:

No new Business.

Other Items Before the Board:

M-55 Shoulder Widening Project

- The shoulder will be widened another four feet from Udell Hills Rd. to the west.
- Project will cover most of M-55 in the Wellston area.
- Verbal guarantee.

Mr. Beldo requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M.

**There was a motion by Mr. Schuelke, supported by Mr. Schwaiger to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor, motion carried**

Next meeting will be on February 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission

Date