



MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

November 6, 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; Gary Schwaiger, Secretary; Linda Cudney; Devin Wegner; Eleanor DeYoung; Bob DeYoung; Robert Schulke;

Members Absent: Jeff Lawrence; Tony Lamb

Others Present: Kristyn Malkowski, Recording Secretary; Sherry Knoper, Benzie/Manistee Dirtbird's; Tim Knoper, President Benzie/Manistee Dirtbird's; Mark Coe, President Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds

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

Approval of the November 6, 2023, meeting agenda.

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer, supported by Ms. Cudney to approve the November 6, 2023, meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the October 2, 2023, meeting minutes.

There was a motion by Mr. Schwaiger supported by Ms. Cudney to approve the October 2, 2023, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Friends of Smart Trails Report: Ms. Cudney referenced the October 9, 2023, Friends of SMARTrails meeting minutes and the November 13, 2023, meeting agenda (Appendix A). Ms. Cudney stated that on November 13, 2023, between 5:30 – 7:00 PM, SMART trails will hold a community engagement session for public input on pedestrian assets. The session will take place the Maple Grove Twp/Kaleva Village Hall, 9208 Kauko St. Kaleva, MI.

Other Trail Committee/Groups Update: Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds Update: Mr. Coe stated that the Snowbirds have been very active in trail maintenance and cleanup. The committee received

new equipment and the land leases with private landowners are current and final. December 1, 2023, is the projected start date, depending on weather conditions. The next club meeting is set for December 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Kaleva Clubhouse, 14121 Industrial Drive, Kaleva.

Benzie Manistee Dirtbirds Update: Mr. Knoper updated the members on the status of the newly created Benzie/Manistee Dirtbirds. Committee members have been hard at work proposing routes and working towards the creation of ORV trail maps. The community involvement has been inspiring and the local business and restaurants are eager to help.

Old Business: The ORV map is final and ready for public use. The map can be found on the Manistee County website; <https://www.manisteecountymi.gov/453/Recreation-Plans>.

New Business: No business at this time

Other Items: Mr. Beldo requested that members should try and attend a meeting at the Kaleva Roadside Park on November 21, 2023, at 12:00 PM. The Community Foundation will survey the area that is subject to the Community Foundation – Minger Grant.

Mr. Beldo adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM. Next meeting will be on December 4, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission

Date