



## 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 head 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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,

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Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission

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Date

**Kristyn Malkowski**

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**From:** Barry, Douglas (DNR) <BarryD1@michigan.gov>  
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**Subject:** Requested information  
**Attachments:** KIOSKS 67767 PROOF - Friends of The Betsie Valley Trail.pdf

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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](#)

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