

# MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

August 7, 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; Robert Schulke; Bob DeYoung; Jeff Lawrence

Members Absent:

Others Present: Kristyn Malkowski, Recording Secretary; Katie Mehl, Manistee County Zoning Administrator/Planner I; Sarah Hershberger, Community Foundation; Cody Schuch, Billy McFadden

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

Approval of the August 7, 2023, meeting agenda.

**There was a motion by Ms. Batzer, supported by Mr. Lawrence, to approve the August 7, 2023, meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of the July 11, 2023, meeting minutes.

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

Public Comment: Ms. Hershberger stated that she is here today to support in any way she can throughout the grant making process.

Trail Champions: Ms. Mehl and Ms. Hershberger asked the commission to establish their plans for the Chief to Kaleva and Kaleva to Thompsonville trailheads. With these plans, the commission can start by applying for the Minger grant which can help with engineering studies and parking infrastructure and then move in stages from there. Ms. Batzer would like the commission to keep in mind the maintenance needed for these trailheads and to plan for a parking expansion in the future. Mark Sohlden, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission, would like to make it

aware that there is a possibility a permit will have to be pulled for the proposed parking lot on Chief Road

The deadline for the Minger grant is October 2, 2023.

Staff Reports: County ORV Map: No update at this time.

Dam Update – No update, although Ms. Mehl stated that the EPA acknowledge and appreciate the Commissions work and support throughout this process.

Friends of Smart Trails Report: Ms. Cudney referenced the July 10, 2023, Friends of SMARTrails meeting minutes and the August 14, 2023, meeting agenda (Appendix ).

Old Business: No old business.

**New Business:**

Recreation Commission Vacancy – On July 18, 2023, Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller and Mr. Schwaiger, presented a letter stating the concerns of Mr. Brian Dunlop's attendance at the Recreation Commission meetings. It was a unanimous vote by the Board of Commissioners to remove Mr. Dunlop and post the vacant position.

Other Items from Committee Members: Ms. Batzer updated the commission regarding the work that was done after the diesel spill in Lake Michigan.

Mr. Beldo adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM. Next meeting will be on September 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission

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