



MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, February 6, 2023
6:15 P.M.

Manistee County Planning
Commission Building and via Zoom

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Robert Schulke; Bryan Dunlop;

Others Present: Kristyn Malkowski, Recording Secretary; Mike Szokola, Manistee County Planning Director; Nikki Koons, County Commissioner (via Zoom); Claire Richards, Friends of Smart Trails (Via Zoom)

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

2023 Officer Appointments

Ms. Batzer nominated Mr. Beldo to be the Chairman of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer, supported by Ms. Wegner to elect Wayne Beldo as the Chairman of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Ms. Cudney nominated Ms. Batzer to be the Vice Chairman of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

There was a motion by Ms. Cudney, supported by Mr. Beldo to elect Margaret Batzer as the Vice Chairman of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Ms. Batzer nominated Mr. Schwaiger to be the Secretary of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer, supported by Mr. Beldo to elect Gary Schwaiger as the Secretary of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Beldo nominated Kristyn Malkowski to be the Recording Secretary of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

There was a motion by Mr. Beldo, supported by Ms. Batzer to elect Kristyn Malkowski as the Recording Secretary of the Manistee County Recreation Commission.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of the February 6, 2023, meeting agenda.

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer supported by Mr. Beldo, to approve February 6, 2023, agenda as stated.

All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the January 23, 2023, meeting minutes. Ms. Batzer stated that there should be an amendment to the members in attendance. Linda Cudney (Via Zoom) should be considered as "Others Present".

There was a motion by Ms. Batzer, supported by Mr. Schwaiger to approve the January 23, 2023, meeting minutes, as amended.

All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Trail Champions: There was not an update.

Staff Reports: There was not an update.

Friends of Smart Trails Report: Ms. Cudney stated there is hope for a first annual Trail Summit. There will be further discussion at the March SMARTrails meeting, but Ms. Cudney is hoping to get multiple forms of support. Ms. Batzer requested there be communication with the commission as to how they can help. The January 9, 2023, Friends of SMARTrails meeting minutes were presented, along with the February 13, 2023, meeting agenda (Appendix A).

Old Business:

Spark Grant Update: Mr. Szokola is waiting to have discussions with Scott Slavin, DNR, regarding the next steps.

Minger Grant Update: There was not an update.

Railroad Relocation Update: There was not an update.

Parks & Recreation Manager Update: Mr. Szokola stated that he received an email from Networks Northwest, regarding the possibilities of partnering with Benzie County. It was previously decided that Manistee County will hold the manager position as full time but is more than willing to discuss the possibilities of joint county trail systems.

County ORV Map: The Manistee County Planning Commission sent letters to all the Clerks of the local municipalities (Appendix B). The letters were requesting the validity of the ORV Road Allowance Manual, which is located on the Manistee County website (<https://www.manisteecountymi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/524/ORV-Road-Allowance-Manual-as-of-September-04-2020-PDF>). Information regarding their ORV ordinances was also requested. The deadline to have the information to the Planning Commission is March, 1, 2023.

Dam Update: There was not an update.

New Business: No new business.

Other Items from Committee Members: Nothing further

Mr. Beido adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM. Next meeting will be on March 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Schwaiger, Recreation Commission

Date