

Manistee Co. Commissioners Room

6:00 p.m., Monday 415 Third St  
August 2, 2021 Manistee, Michigan

## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The Recreation Commission is operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under PA 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ❖ Call to Order and Roll Call.

- ❖ Mr. Wayne Beldo, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Recreation Commission Members Present: Margaret Batzer, Wayne Beldo, Linda Cudney, Dennis Cohoon and Robert Schulke

Recreation Commission Members Absent: Erin Secord, Gary Schwaiger, Devin Wagner, Bryan Dunlop.

Others: Mike Szokola County Planning Director and Zach Vega, from Networks Northwest.

### ❖ Approval of the Agenda

Linda Cudney moved, seconded by Dennis Cohoon to approve the August 2, 2021 Agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Ms. Cudney, Mr. Cohoon, Mr. Beldo, Ms. Batzer, Mr. Schulke,

### ❖ Approval of the Minutes

Linda Cudney asked about Sharon Goble being on the Recreation Commission, as she did not see Sharon's name on either the present or absent list. It was suggested to have a list of who is on the committee and the terms.

Ms. Cudney moved, seconded by Ms. Batzer to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes.

Voting yes: Ms. Cudney, Mr. Beldo, Ms. Baber, Mr. Schulke, Mr. Cohoon.

### ❖ Public Comment ●

None.

### ●:● Staff Updates

- Mike Szokola gave an update of what is going on in the Planning Department.
- Parks & Recreation Plan Update, Zach Vega from Networks Northwest  
Zach Vega went over the Goals and Objectives of the County Recreation Plan. Zach met with all 20 jurisdictions and they all are onboard. He hopes to have a draft plan by

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the end of September. There will be a 30 day public review of the plan. He will rework the Goals and Objectives and send out the Draft Plan.

#### ❖ Old Business

, Friends of SMART Trails

The Friends group held a meeting on July 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Maple Grove Township Hall. Jed Maker, president of the Friends of Betsie Valley Trail gave an overview of what the Friends do, with almost all volunteers. The decision makers are the Betsie Valley Trail management Council (BWMC).

The Friends Group discussed start up costs such as a PO Box, operating funds for pamphlets and business cards. Laura Heintzelm, from the Manistee County Foundation suggested working on a budget and submitting a grant and the Friends group could be under the umbrella of the Community Foundation with them being the fiduciary to start with.

#### ❖ New Business

The Zoom option was discussed and Ms. Batzer stated the County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2020-17, which declared a local state of emergency thru December 31, 2021, due to the COVID pandemic.

The next meeting was set for Monday, September 6, 2021 which is Labor Day, so it was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

#### ❖ Adjourn

Mr. Schulke moved, seconded by Ms. Batzer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Voting yes: Ms. Cudney, Mr Cohoon, Mr. Beldo, Ms. Batzer, Mr. Schulke.

The next meeting will be held September 7, 2021 in the County Commissioner's room at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Cudney, for Erin Secord, Recreation Commission  
Secretary Date: August 6, 2021