

6:00 p.m., Monday  
February 13, 2017

**KALEVA LIONS CLUB**  
14361 Nine Mile Rd  
Kaleva, Michigan

## MINUTES

### **Mr. Rob Carson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Tamera Buswinka, AES Community Development Director; Rob Carson, Manistee County Planner; Ken Blakey-Shell, Manistee Twp and City of Manistee; Linda Finout, Manistee Twp; Karla Kasten, Kaleva Village; Mary Reed, Onekama Twp & Village; Mark Coe, Manistee Snowbirds; Kathleen Ready, Dickson Twp; Terry Vuksanovic, Dickson Twp; Jacque Erdman, Pleasanton Twp; Linda Cudney, Cleon Twp; Karen Kolk, Filer Twp; Sharon Goble, Manistee County Planning Commission and Dendra Best (via phone), Bear Lake Village.

### **Draft Trail Routes**

#### **Primary/Secondary**

Mr. Carson digitized the primary routes. Committee looked over the map routes. Mr. Carson will print a regionalized map for everyone.

#### **Phasing of segments**

This map is to be taken to the perspective township committees etc. and have them look at the property lines. Look for additional trails that can connect to the primary trail.

#### **Planning future connections to primary routes**

The secondary routes will be mapped out later. Grants to develop these connecting trails will be checked into. Property owners along these trails will be looked at. The time line for trail development depending up grant funding is: primary trails 5-10 years and secondary trails 10-20 years. Ms. Buswinka suggested getting groups to sponsor the smaller trails such as local Lions or Rotary Clubs. The more people we can get involved the faster the trail segments can be accomplished. Adopt a trail for development.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Communication**

Mr. Carson will have the trails updated; this will then go on Facebook and be advertised. Going on Facebook will be held off until April. The DNR will be holding their own meeting regarding their trails. Mr. Carson is in contact with the newspaper and updates are being done with them.

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**Branding**

Ms. Buswinka met with Mr. Jensen who does a lot of visitors bureau work. He has a budget for these types of work plans. There are 2 aspects of this type of work: programming and funding. The funding part helps to take what's accomplished and "push out" this information to the state etc. The message is to attract state-wide grants. The logo and name chosen may be 2 different things and may change over time. We need to develop an internal message for ourselves and the county that we are "linking" the entire county. He suggested we continue with the "linking" idea of the communities. The Branding Committee should meet again to come up with a short term name to communicate what is being done. The traffic flow to the local businesses due to the trail system was mentioned. This discussion will go under the Communication Committee.

**Trail Segments**

The Zimmerman committee will need to meet in March to go over this segment. There is a great interest in getting this trail through that area.

**Zoning Language**

This section will be worked on at a later date.

**West MI Trails Coalition Conversation**

Mr. Blakely-Shell and Dennis Kneibel, WMTCC member, had one meeting and another meeting will take place soon. Dennis will advise our trail committee and give assistance regarding trail development. He has experience in working with; local road commissions and putting trails within the road right-of-way, dealing with land owner issues, preserving nature etc.

**Consumers Energy Discussion**

Mr. Coe met with Mr. Marvin Friend from Consumers Energy. CP has lease programs for trail systems within their power line corridors. Some of the land has permanent leases and then there are other types of easement leases on other land parcels. Mr. Friend has access to which areas may or may not be available. They will meet again the first part of March.

**Zimmerman Trail sub-Committee Meeting**

This was covered under Trail Segments.

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**Meeting**

Mr. Carson invited Brian Gutowski, the county emergency manager to join the trail committee meetings. Emergency access should be considered to have along the trails.

The next meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Kaleva Lions Club, Kaleva.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Baker, Recording Secretary

Date: February 13, 2017