

6:00 p.m., Monday
September 11, 2017

BIG BEAR SPORTSMAN CLUB
8927 Puustinen Road
Kaleva, Michigan

MINUTES

Mr. Rob Carson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Rob Carson, Manistee County Planner; Ken Blakey-Shell, City of Manistee; Karla Kasten, Kaleva Village; Mickey McCann, City of Manistee; Jack Cramer, Springdale Twp; John Steben, Arcadia Twp; Mary Reed, Onekama Twp & Village; Randy Sanovic, Manistee Snowbirds; Mark Coe, Manistee Snowbirds; Jacque Erdman, Pleasanton Twp; Linda Cudney, Cleon Twp; Elaine Gibbs, Copemish Village; Karen Kolk, Filer Twp; Sharon Goble, Manistee County Planning Commission; Margaret Batzer, Manistee County; Fran Cerka, Stronach Twp; Barb Schuelke, Big Bear Sportsman Club and Nancy Baker, Manistee County Planning Assistant.

Recreation Authority discussion... cont.

❖ Comments on Draft "Articles of Incorporation" from Committee

Mr. Carson is looking at a 1-year time frame for completing the Articles of Incorporation document. Once completed this will then be taken to the local units of government to see who is interested in participating. The 12 pages were reviewed by the entire group with Mr. Carson noting the edits of language and incorporating the comments.

❖ Township Board/Village Council Rec. Authority Introduction

Mr. Carson is scheduling a meeting with each local unit of government to help them better understand the Recreation Authority. Meetings with some townships have taken place. Meetings to the remainder townships are being placed on the schedule. Updated trail information will be shared at the Regional Summit on September 21st.

❖ Discussion on a joint meeting of interested communities

Recreation Authority Scope of Work

Mr. Carson stated the discussion for the trails is out into the public. Marketing and promotions can be started. The resources can be put out into the public such as Facebook, pamphlets, etc. with fund raising discussions. Grants will be submitted this winter; matching funds will need to occur. The match will have to be accomplished by October 2018. Fund raising for a match needs to be about 40% (around \$100,000 - \$110,000) and should be started very soon.

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Manistee Regional Trails Scope of Work

Tamera and Rob have spoken with the grant writer regarding the winter submission of the Thompsonville to Copemish trail grant application. The DNR have now requested another cost study be done on the Mesick connection. This will not allow the Copemish to Mesick trail to be included in with this winter's Thompsonville to Copemish trail grant application.

Trail Segment Updates

The latest contact to Merit Energy revealed they are being bought out by Marathon. Trails on these parts will have to wait until things are set with Marathon. Contact with Marathon regarding these segments can then move forward. The southwest trail section has options in the works. Mr. Carson stated the different route options.

General Comment & Questions

Next Meeting Date

Between this meeting and the next trail meeting subcommittee members will be contacted to meet. The 2 committees that will meet are the Southwest Trail Committee and the Marketing and Promotions Committee along with the Branding Committee. The next Trail Committee meeting will be Tuesday, December 11th, 6 pm., at the Big Bear Sportsman Club, Kaleva.

The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Baker, Recording Secretary

Date: September 11, 2017