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## **MANISTEE COUNTY TRAIL COMMITTEE Meeting**

**Big Bear Sportsman's Club, Kaleva, MI  
Monday, September 24, 2018 @6pm**

### **Agenda**

- Introductions
- County-Wide Recreation Authority/Committee/Commission Organizational Discussion
- **SPECIAL GUESTS:**
- Harry Burkholder, Land Information Access Association
- Julie Clark, Traverse Area Trail Systems
- Trail Segment Update
  - BVT Copemish Trail Grant Application DNR Score
  - BVT Copemish Trail Matching fundraising needs
- General Comment & Questions
- Next Meeting Date

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6:00 p.m., Monday  
July 9, 2018

BIG BEAR SPORTSMAN CLUB

8927 Puustinen Road

Kaleva, Michigan

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**Ms. Lisa Leedy called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.**

**Introductions**

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Present: Lisa Leedy, AES; Linda Finout, Manistee Twp; Karla Kasten, Kaleva Village; Randy Sanovic, Manistee Snowbirds; Jacque Erdman, Pleasanton Twp; Linda Cudney, Cleon Twp; Rob Carson, Manistee County Planning Director; Margaret Batzer, Manistee County Commission; Karen Kolk, Filer Twp; Sharon Goble, Manistee County Planning Commission; and Nancy Baker, Manistee County Planning Assistant.

**County-Wide Recreation Authority/Committee/Commission Status**

Three different types of entities; the Recreational Authority Board, Recreation Commission and Friends of...Recreational Non-Profit with descriptions, were distributed. A Rec Authority looks to be the best avenue, but the 3 types of entities will be compared with the pros and cons of each. The Michigan County and Recreation Parks law was distributed.

The Articles of Incorporation language should clearly state that all potential trail segment issues within the township(s) involved on a trail segment shall be consulted and the township board approve the engineering, fund raising etc. of that trail segment. Decisions regarding the trail segment plans/issues should be brought to the involved township by the Authority before any trail segment work is decided. The document should include that no private land will be acquired by condemnation and private property may only be acquired from willing sellers. Article 14 is a concern with the "Participating Municipalities will fund" with the municipalities committing to an undetermined fund amount. Financial wording was discussed. Township authority regarding this matter is already worded in the document and some is state law. Each township should have a representative to work with the Authority.

The document wording will be examined to include that the endorsement of the Authority will be required by the trail's local unit of government. Each township representative on the trail committee will report and update their township on the ideas, discussions and issues regarding trail segments. Permission regarding a trail segment in an area will be needed by the involved township. Resolutions and commitment to the segment would be needed. Plans and by-laws can be drafted before forming a possible Rec Authority. These will protect the townships local authority and give them their voice. The plans and by-laws can be worded to address all the local entities concerns. It is important to use the correct language. Local control is a very big key for moving the trail segments

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forward and the trail system being successful. The latest Rec Authority draft will be located and sent out. A draft budget plan will be put together. The townships will be included in this plan. A pros and cons list along with questions and concerns people may have on becoming a potential Rec Authority is still needed. Contact with other Rec Authorities will be done to find out what they have done and how they are handling things. Contact with Marquette on information regarding their trails will be checked into.

**Committee Reports, Updates, Next Steps**

A sign-up sheet is available or sign-up via email for either the Outreach or Funding committee. The health benefits of a trail system will be explored and shared with the public along with the economic benefits. This information will be used to advocate the importance of the trails. The unities of government being insured was discussed. If the DNR are the trail applicants, they handle all project aspects for that trail segment.

**RFP Process**

A draft for project planning and management will be explored. A speaker will be at the August meeting to share more education information on the matter. Language of liability, Title 6 can be added to the contracts.

**Logo Contest status**

The Logo Contest will be prepared and sent to the local schools when they resume fall session. The contest rules will be put together and will include certain stipulations such as the student being a Manistee County resident, a K-12 student etc. Other stipulations were discussed and will be included in the contest language. The contest information will go out to the school art instructors and school administrators. It was suggested to have the art work displayed before a winner(s) is chosen.

**MCCF Grant for ETS programming/next trail segment/trail plan submitted**

The trail plan funding grant application has been submitted. This includes the next trail segment grant application funding for the April 29<sup>th</sup> date. Trail development budget numbers will be looked at.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm.

The meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Baker, Recording Secretary

Date: July 9, 2018