

MINUTES

Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting / (248) 509-0316 | ID: 701 039 666#

PRESENT FOR THE MSPAC

Attending remotely:

Julie Clark; Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan
Jim Bradley; Green, Ontonagon County, Michigan
Bob Hoffmeyer; Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan
Mike MacDonald; Haslett, Ingham County, Michigan
Chris Graham; Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan
Shaun McKeon; Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan
Mike Foote; Ada, Kent County, Michigan

ABSENT

Ann Conklin
Dave Nyberg
Mary Pitcher

PRD STAFF PRESENT

Ron Olson, Chief
Jacklin Blodgett
Vicki McGhee
Michael Desnoyer
Scott Pratt
Matt Lincoln
Barbara Graves

OPENING COMMENTS

Committee member Julie Clark called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julie Clark motioned for approval of the June 9, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was moved by **Mike McDonald**, supported by **Bob Hoffmeyer**, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION

Matt Lincoln, Land Specialist and Grants Coordinator, PRD, gave overviews of the Leelanau State Park and Traverse City State Park General Management Plans.

Resolution No. 08-2021-03 to recommend approval of the Leelanau State Park General Management Plan

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF: Committee member Julie Clark asked for a motion of support for approval of Resolution No. 08-2021-03. The motion was supported by **Mike MacDonald** and seconded by **Chris Graham**. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 08-2021-04 to recommend approval of the Traverse City State Park Management Plan

Committee member Julie Clark asked DNR to partner with MDOT to make a connection to cross the railroad and TART to Reffitt Nature Preserve to help make regional trail connections park staff and partners have been working on. She would like to see the DNR step up and work with MDOT Rail to help resolve the crossing issue.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF: Committee member Julie Clark asked for a motion of support for approval of Resolution No. 08-2021-0-04. The motion was supported by **Mike Foote** and seconded by **Bob Hoffmeyer**. The resolution passed unanimously.

GENERAL UPDATES

Governor's \$250M CARES Proposal

Chief Olson said a viable list of projects was started several years ago (categorized by priority that includes roads, bridges, utilities, sewer systems, lodging, restrooms, etc., including environmental) to bring attention to the backlog in park infrastructure needs. Over the years, the Rec Passport and other revenues sources have been used to chip away at the backlog. Roughly \$15M has been spent every year on infrastructure, with help from the Endowment Fund. As time has gone on, revenue sources have dwindled.

Last month, the governor announced her plan to dedicate \$250M from the CARES act for park infrastructure improvements. In the news release, projects were announced such as at Algonac, Lake Linden Trail in Houghton, and others as examples of needed improvements. If adopted in

the legislature, the money would have to be obligated by 2026. Part of the \$250M will be dedicated to a park in Flint, which was part of the Blue Ribbon plan to seek presence in four urban areas (Detroit, Saginaw, downtown Grand Rapids, and Flint). The Flint project has been in the works for the last three years, and in that process a Trust Fund grant was approved to purchase the Chevy Commons land from the city of Flint. A partnership with The Mott Foundation, Genesee County Parks, and the City of Flint helped develop the plan. The goal will be for Genesee County to run the park.

This is the chance for your groups to advocate.

Beach Closure LOU

Chief Olson went over the drafted beach closure LOU that will go into effect in 2022 if approved by the Director. This land use order was drafted to give the ability to close beaches from the land to the water during red flag warnings, in response to the increase in drownings the last few years.

MSPAC Draft Restructure Plan

Chief Olson went over the history of the MSPAC and the path moving forward, which includes detachment from the NRC. The realignment goal would be to retain the committee but ensure that it represent diverse perspectives statewide. He asked the members to send him comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021-04

MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE “TRAVERSE CITY STATE PARK GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN”

ADOPTED: August 11, 2021

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division has completed the General Management Plan for Traverse City State Park; and

WHEREAS, the planning process reflects sensitivity to natural resource values, historic and cultural resource values, recreation and education opportunities, and is inclusive of all DNR programs and representative of eco-management; and

WHEREAS, the planning process was further inclusive of stakeholder, constituent, and public input; and

WHEREAS, the General Management Plan represents sound guidance for future planning phases that will be consistent with the mission of the DNR and the Parks and Recreation Division, and reflective of the purpose and significance of Traverse City State Park; and

WHEREAS, the General Management Plan is consistent with the recommendations of the Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel and the Parks and Recreation Division’s strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the General Management Plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Division and the MSPAC Stewardship Subcommittee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Traverse City State Park General Management Plan; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee further recommends that the DNR Director approve the General Management Plan for Traverse City State Park;

Submitted by: MSPAC Stewardship Subcommittee

Motioned by: Mike Foote
Seconded by: Bob Hoffmeyer

Yeas:	7
Nays:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	3

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021-03

MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE “LEELANAU STATE PARK GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN”

ADOPTED: August 11, 2021

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division has completed the General Management Plan for Leelanau State Park; and

WHEREAS, the planning process reflects sensitivity to natural resource values, historic and cultural resource values, recreation and education opportunities, and is inclusive of all DNR programs and representative of eco-management; and

WHEREAS, the planning process was further inclusive of stakeholder, constituent, and public input; and

WHEREAS, the General Management Plan represents sound guidance for future planning phases that will be consistent with the mission of the DNR and the Parks and Recreation Division, and reflective of the purpose and significance of Leelanau State Park; and

WHEREAS, the General Management Plan is consistent with the recommendations of the Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel and the Parks and Recreation Division’s strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the General Management Plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Division and the MSPAC Stewardship Subcommittee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Leelanau State Park General Management Plan; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee further recommends that the DNR Director approve the General Management Plan for Leelanau State Park;

Submitted by: MSPAC Stewardship Subcommittee

Motioned by: Mike MacDonald
Seconded by: Chris Graham

Yeas:	7
Nays:	0
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