

# HERITAGE ROUTE ALCONA COUNTY

May 11, 2006  
Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Dan Mullen, DNR; Jack Guy, Visioning; Bethany Styer, Alcona County EDC; Kenneth Timm, Alcona County Commissioner; Art Laatz, Treasurer; Karen Sanderson, Chairperson.

Denise Cline, NEMCOG

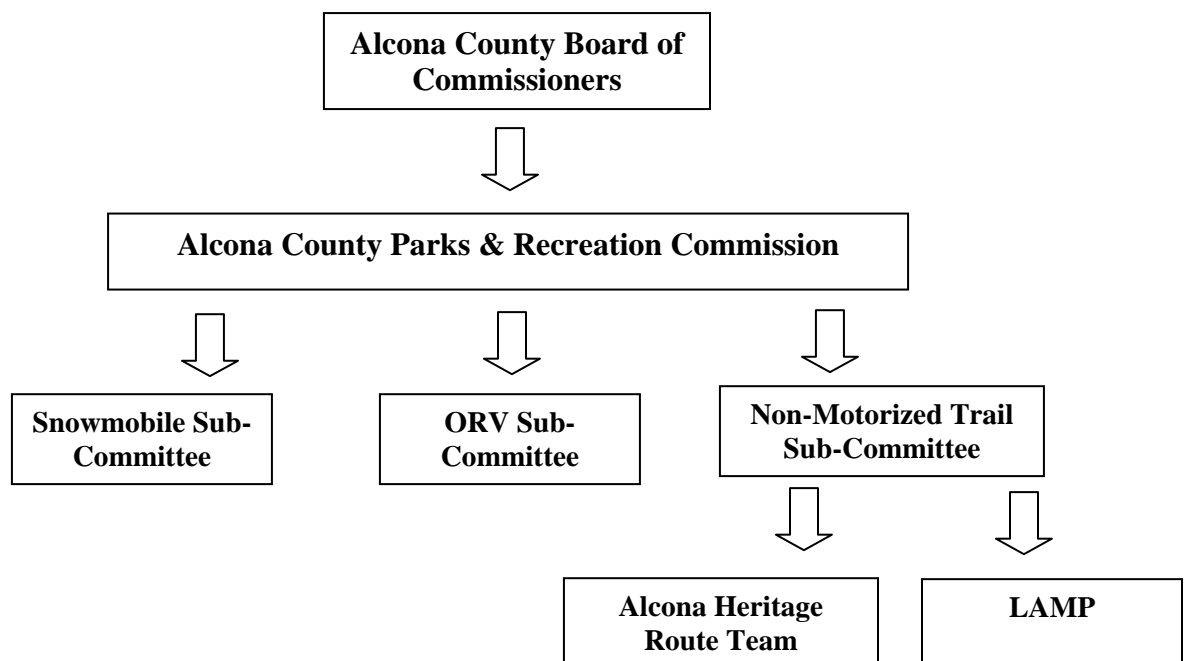
Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

***Motion by Dan Mullen, support by Jack Guy to accept the minutes of April 13, 2006.  
Motion carried.***

Denise Cline indicated that the issue of adapting the MDOT Non-Motorized Trail Map into a Heritage Route Map should be discussed at the next Management Council meeting.

## **Non-Motorized Sub-Committee:**

The group discussed the recent appointment of the Alcona County Heritage Route Team and the LAMP group as a joint sub-committee to the Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commission. It was noted that the two groups needed to get together to elect officers and bylaws. It was also noted that the Heritage Route group and LAMP will continue to work independently on projects as well as in a joint capacity. The committee structure is as follows:



The group discussed the number of people from each group that would be serving on the Non-Motorized Sub-Committee. It was determined that seven members from the Heritage Route group would be appointed to the sub-committee. The 7 members of the Heritage Route Team appointed to the sub-committee are: **Karen Sanderson, Dan Mullen, Ken Timm, Art Laatz, Marlana MacNeill, Jack Guy, and Jim Pyne**. It was also determined that **Karen Sanderson and Marlana MacNeill** would be the members of the Alcona Heritage Route Team that would attend the Heritage Route Management Council meetings in Alpena. A letter will be drafted to the Alcona County Board of Commissioners (copied to the Parks & Recreation Commission) recommending the seven people for appointment to the Non-Motorized Sub-Committee. The group also agreed to keep Sandy Sokolak informed of progress.

Art Laatz will look into the issue of bylaws. The next LAMP meeting is Monday, May 15 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Village Hall. Member of the Alcona County Heritage Route Team should attend.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance:	\$205.13
Spent (website domain name fee):	\$59.70
Ending Balance:	\$145.43

***Motion by Ken Timm, support by Dan Mullen, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.***

**Multi-Use Pathway**

Dan Mullen informed the group that the Coastal Zone Management grant submitted by Harrisville State Park for a trail through the park was not selected. Until a feasibility study is completed on the non-motorized trail system through the county, it is difficult to establish the park trail as part of a community trail.

Denise Cline will talk with Richard Bayus to find out the next step for applying for MDOT funding for a feasibility study for the Alcona Multi-Use Pathway.

The group discussed the possibility of beginning the trail development with the leg going through the City of Harrisville. Local funding could be applied for to designate a route and post signage.

**Updates:**

**Project GO (Get Outdoors) – June 10**

**Motorcycle Rally** – The possibility exists of allowing vehicles free access to the State Parks along the 23 and 33 corridors.

**Public Meeting** – The group discussed needs for the public meeting on the multi-use pathway. A press release will be submitted. Denise Cline will contact Mary Ann Heidemann about speaking at the meeting as well as Lake State Railway (to provide input). In addition, Denise will prepare large wall maps of parcels along the route. Denise will also look into whether any data exists on bike path usage in Rogers City and Alpena. Dan Mullen will talk to Judy McNeil about presenting the health and wellness aspect of a pathway. The public meeting will address both the concept of a trail system as well as possible routes.

Denise, Dan and Karen will meet after the next Management Council meeting on June 1 in Alpena to discuss possible trail routes and the next steps in the funding process.

**LAMP** – A logo contest is being held with the High School Art students.

***Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.***