

HERITAGE ROUTE ALCONA COUNTY

June 15, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Present: Karen Sanderson, Chairperson; Dan Mullen, DNR; Jack Guy, Visioning; Bethany Styer, Alcona County EDC; Art Laatz, Treasurer; Marlena MacNeill, Alcona County Road Commission.

Denise Cline, NEMCOG

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

Motion by Art Laatz,, support by Marlena MacNeill to accept the minutes of May 11, 2006. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A balance of \$145.43 remains. It was noted that donations might have to be obtained to continue with the website.

Motion by Marlena MacNeill, support by Jack Guy, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Denise Cline indicated that if the committee ever needed any content developed for the website, NEMCOG could do that for them as part of the MDOT funding.

Multi-Use Pathway:

The group discussed the upcoming public input meeting on June 29 at the Harrisville Township Hall. Denise Cline stated that press release had gone out to two newspapers as well as to radio and TV. Dan Mullen summarized the meeting with MDOT and NEMCOG after the last Management Council meeting. MDOT has indicated that they would be the applicant for a grant to fund the feasibility study for Alcona County. The Alcona study would then be used as a model for a study along the entire Heritage Route.

The group discussed keeping the health aspect as one focus of trail development in the county.

Dan Mullen discussed the effect that having a trail study completed would have on DNR grants in the park as well as the possibility of using DNR funding to match MDOT funding in the future.

All townships need to be notified of the upcoming public meeting. The group discussed the format of the meeting. Representatives from the committee and from MDOT need to

be identified in a handout for the public. Richard Bayus, from NEMCOG, is working on getting one or two speakers to attend the meeting to talk about community trail development. In addition, index cards need to be provided for those members of the public who don't feel comfortable speaking in public. Denise Cline will also re-issue the press release with information on where to send written comments.

Non-Motorized Sub-Committee

A joint meeting will be held with the LAMP group on June 26 at 7:00 in the Lincoln Village Hall to begin the process of establishing by-laws.

Updates:

Motorcycle Rally – The number of registrants for the Motorcycle Rally is currently low but is expected to increase. Dan Mullen noted that State Parks will be open and allowing admission free of charge to day-use visitors on Saturday along US 23 and Sunday along M-33. Bethany Styer suggested putting some type of banner out along the highway to advertise this.

Sunrise Side Travel Association Meeting – A Board meeting is scheduled at Harrisville State Park for July 12 at 10:00. A Motorcycle Rally meeting is scheduled the same day for 12:30. Dan Mullen suggested that the group get some informational packets about Alcona County together to distribute to meeting attendees.

Amendment to Management Plan – The amendment to include areas in Alcona County east of US 23 to Lake Huron in the Management Plan has been forwarded to Tom Ferguson. The next Management Council meeting is scheduled for September.

River Road Dedication – The River Road Scenic Byway dedication will be held June 24 at Lumberman's Monument.

Next Meeting – July 13 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.