

**HERITAGE ROUTE
ALCONA COUNTY
February 8, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Karen Sanderson, Chairperson; Dan Mullen, DNR; Ken Timm, Alcona County; Marlena MacNeill, Alcona County Road Commission, Roger Carlin, Alcona Township; Wayne Liske, Sanborn Township; Jim Pyne, Lions & Harrisville Township; and Denise Cline, NEMCOG.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

Treasurer's Report:

There were no changes in the balance of \$145.43.

Management Council:

Ken Timm provided a summary of activities discussed at the February Management Council meeting.

Non-Motorized Pathway:

Several members of the Alcona County Team met with representatives from MDOT, the DNR, and NEMCOG to discuss collaboration on a non-motorized trail. The meeting took place at the Alpena Transportation Service Center and a lengthy discussion occurred concerning the trail route, the connection of destination points, and grant dollars available. In summary, MDOT is looking into the feasibility of the local MDOT TSC applying for an Enhancement grant to construct the trail through the State Park and the City. The possibility exists of bringing the trail up to the Lighthouse as well. Both MDOT and DNR funding would be utilized. This would eliminate the need for a local match. However, private grant funding still needs to be looked at.

Jim Pyne suggested that the Depot be utilized as a Welcome Center. The group discussed the trail connecting to Negwegon State Park. Historical signage could be erected along the trail such as near the Black River in Alcona Township.

An application was turned into the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan for funding for signage for the designated route through Harrisville. Notification of funding is scheduled for March 14.

Sanborn Township:

Wayne Liske, from Sanborn Township (Alpena County), informed the group of plans for a streetscape project in Ossineke as well as a bike path along US 23. The Township has hired Wilcox Associates to assist with obtaining funding and with project design. Denise Cline suggested that Ken Gauthier bring the project up to the Alpena County Heritage Route Team in order to utilize the staff assistance provided by NEMCOG. She also suggested that the Township contact the local MDOT TSC to discuss the project before they proceed.

Other:

- The LAMP project continues to move forward.
- Sea-Grant: May will be the month for public input.
- Roger Carlin updated the group on restoration plans for the Black River with Huron Pines RC&D.
- Denise Cline has been getting requests for brochures containing maps and information from communities along US 23. Therefore, she is beginning to develop a brochure for Mackinaw City to be used as a template for other communities along the Heritage Route. The brochures will have an identifiable look and logo and will highlight recreational facilities (public and private).
- The Alcona County Team will pursue consideration by the Regional group to incorporate the Sunrise Side logo into an identifying and consistent logo to be used on brochures, signage, etc., along the Heritage Route corridor.

Next Meeting – March 8 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.