

MINUTES
ALPENA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY BOARD
City Hall – March 19, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Roger Witherbee, Judy Kalmanek, Adam Poll, Erin Riopelle, Vernie Nethercut, Alice Holcomb, Melissa Doubek, Tom Orth, and Elizabeth Littler

Roger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Updates – Adam

Adam reported that Mike Kendziorski is moving forward with the Island Park covered bridge project. He expects to begin work at the end of April-beginning of May and the project will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. During this time, there will be no bridge to Island Park.

Roger reports that the Audubon Society will be placing “birding trail” signs within the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Island Management Plan - Elizabeth

The board reviewed the revised IPMP. The date at the top of page 1 will be changed to March 2015. The numbering issues under Actions and Recommendations throughout the document will be fixed. Other fixes include:

Under Vision – change “it’s” to “its”

Under TRAILS – “Environment, Wildlife and Visitors” should be ALL CAPS. Also under PAMPHLETS.

- Delete (see map) in sentence two

Under TRAILS: Recommendations: - delete parentheses around “such as barking” and add parentheses around “See Appendix #1”

Under FORESTS AND OTHER HABITATS: Recommendations: - After “pre-settlement condition” add (see Appendix #4).

Under HARD LANDSCAPES (STRUCTURES): Recommendations: - after “barriers to traffic” delete “(See Trail Action #3)”.

Under GUIDELINES – Delete the hyphen in the fourth paragraph between “the” and “trails”.

- Add “March 2015” to the list of dates
- Appendix titles will be fixed along with numbering throughout the IPMP

Judy made a motion to adopt the IPMP with corrections, Melissa seconded. Motion carried.

Roger notes that James Schultz will be updating the tree identification signage on the Island for an Eagle Scout project. James and Roger will be doing a walk-about on the Island as soon as the weather permits.

Feasibility Study update – Judy

Mac West will return to Alpena on Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 17. He has already interviewed 30-35 people. Next weeks interviews include: Rotary, Lions, science teachers (each level), elementary teachers (Besser school), Board member Elizabeth Littler, and the Director of the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland.

Artown "Lake Huron Discovery Tour" (Oct. 9-12)

Organizers for the event have contacted Roger and want us to be part of the event. Erin stated that she is meeting with them regarding her business on March 31 and will find out what they want us to do.

Roundtable

Alice reported on the Artist in Residence program. A committee of Karen Magness Eubanks, Marcia Aten, Cathy Jennings, and J Parsons (?) voted on Gail's artwork choices and chose a series of 4 prints. The board would like to also be in on the voting in the future as in past years. Karen will let Gail know about the choice.

Vernie wrote about the board wishing to see old photos of Island Park in her Alpena News column. R.S. Scott Engineering was able to locate some 1977 aerial photos. They have the negative, which could be used to make a quality print. Tom suggested the negative be digitized as a resource for the future. He will look into getting this done and having a print made to the same size as the current aerial photo located at City Hall. R.S. Scott Co. suggested a business in Traverse City or possibly The Drugstore in Alpena to make the print. Tom will lead the photo project.

Vernie reported that Cindy Kus is back in town and working at the library. Cindy was involved in the original Island Park study back in the 1980's. Adam will take the original study text and scan it since there is only one copy left.

Terry stated that another community has banned sledding due to liability issues. Discussion continued over the sledding issue. Adam said there would be cameras on the new bridge.

Adam asked Roger to give an annual report of board activity at the April 6 City Council meeting. Vernie encouraged board members to attend.

Roger asked Adam to have a load of bark delivered to the Island before the bridge work begins.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** at City Hall. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Holcomb, Secretary