



# Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

### **Present for MSPAC**

Jim Bradley; Ontonagon, Ontonagon County  
Julie Clark; Traverse City, Grand Traverse County  
Chris Graham; Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County  
Bob Hoffmeyer; Clarkston, Oakland County  
Mike McDonald; Haslett, Ingham County  
Mary Pitcher; Marquette, Marquette County  
Nichole Fisher; Lansing, Ingham County  
Colin Pearson; East Lansing, Ingham County  
Chuck Nelson; St. Johns, Clinton County  
Carol Rose; Hillman Twp., Montmorency County  
Sarah Scheitz; Roscommon, Roscommon County

### Absent:

Ann Conklin

### Present for the Department of Natural Resources:

Ron Olson, Chief  
Jacklin Blodgett  
Jason Fleming  
Robb McKay  
Matt Lincoln  
Vicki McGhee  
Scott Pratt  
Nick Van Bloem  
Barbara Graves

### **Call to Order**

Member Clark called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and began with roll call.

### **Action**

Chair Clark asked for a motion of approval of the February 21, 2024, and April 4, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Chuck Nelson, supported by Mary Pitcher, and passed unanimously.

### **Information Only**

The next item on the agenda was the Parks and Recreation Update. Chief Olson said that yesterday the House chamber reported out their version of the 2025 budget with the opt-out piece removed. Legislative leadership had some questions so discussions will resume next week. The Senate is taking the bill up today and it is anticipated that the opt-out will stay in the Senate version. It will then go to Conference Committee.

After bidding out twice, there is finally a contract in place for the in-river work at the park in Flint. Work will start in early June to remove the five riffles. Currently there is about \$40M worth of grants to augment the funding. The next phase would be the shoreline access work and then the third phase would be the upland amenities. There will be a ribbon cutting involving the governor; date is yet to be determined.

The e-bike LUO has been paused to work through some internal concerns with Wildlife. The goal is to have it back on the agenda for May and to be approved in June.

Rob McKay, Historical Architect, then gave a presentation on the history of state parks and a timeline of significant events. Some members added additional historical information to the discussion.

Matt Lincoln, Land Specialist, then presented an overview of the Negwegon State Park Draft Phase 2 General Management Plan.

Chair Clark asked for a motion to approve the Phase 2 General Management Plan. Chris Graham made the motion with Carol Rose seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next regular meeting: June 13, 2024