

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2023-03

MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT LAND USE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR, AMENDMENT NO. X OF 2023 – METAL DETECTING”

ADOPTED: October 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division has long recognized metal detecting as a recreational activity at appropriate locales; however, there is concern that metal detectors facilitate illegal removal of archaeological and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Division has had a policy for many years that prohibits metal detector use in areas that are known to have artifacts and designated historic or archaeological sites and these sites include those listed on the State or National registers of historic places or indicated by the State Archaeologist in the State Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 451, 324.74102 mandates the protection of historic resources within State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Land Use Order would provide clarification on metal detector use, and establishing these prohibited activities in a Land Use Order also provides necessary authority for ceasing these activities in unwanted areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Land Use Order; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee further recommends that the DNR Director approve the Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. X of 2023 – Metal Detecting.

Submitted by: Michigan State Park Advisory Committee

Motioned by:	Mike McDonald	Yeas:	11
Seconded by:	Mary Pitcher	Nays:	0
		Abstained:	0
		Absent:	0

This Resolution was adopted by the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on October 25, 2023, as Resolution No. 10-2023-03.