

# RESOLUTION NO. 10-2023-05

## MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)

### RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT LAND USE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR, AMENDMENT NO. X OF 2023 – ORTONVILLE RECREATION AREA MIXED USE”

**ADOPTED: October 25, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, periodically, the Parks and Recreation Division reviews the Land Use Orders that govern the lands it administers to determine whether any updates are necessary due to operational needs, statutes and/or clarifications to existing Land Use Orders; and

**WHEREAS**, the campground at Ortonville RA was historically open to mixed use with low amounts of user conflicts until 2022 when it was changed to equestrian use only by Land Use Order 5.1(1)(a).

**WHEREAS**, since the passage of this order, the campground has been mostly vacant during the summer months, and many previous non-equestrian campers have been turned away while the campground sits mostly empty, and, staff also have contributed a large amount of time keeping the campground maintained, with low attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, most equestrian camper use occurs during spring and fall trail rides at Ortonville Recreation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, this order would make the language of the equestrian only camping order to be effective from April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through October 31 only, allowing for more mixed use of the facility during the summer months.

**WHEREAS**, this proposed order has been discussed with the Ortonville Recreation Equestrian Association, and they are in favor with the proposed change; and

**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, Ortonville Recreation Area Mixed Use.

Submitted by: Michigan State Park Advisory Committee

<b>Motioned by:</b>	<b>Mary Pitcher</b>	<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mike McDonald</b>	<b>Nays:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstained:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Absent:</b>	<b>0</b>

*This Resolution was adopted by the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on October 25, 2023, as Resolution No. 10-2023-05.*