

**Quality of Life
Accessibility Advisory Council (AAC) Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Manufactured Housing, Recreation Vehicles & Campground Association
2222 Association Drive, Okemos MI 48864-5978

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors – Rick Briggs

AAC Members: Jonathan Edgerly, Kimberly Woolridge (via telephone), Bill Sheffer, Rick Briggs, Al Bobrofsky, Dave Campbell (via telephone), Carolyn Grawi (via telephone), Cindy Burkhour, Proxy Representative for Vendella Collins.

A-Team Members: Mike Evanoff, Lt. Creig Grey, Greg Andrews, Jule Stafford, Deb Stolecki, Fran Ryan, Lynne Thoma, Erica Moore, Jon Spieles (via telephone), Pat Lawton, Natalie Elkins.

Guests: Ken Buchholtz, Tom Tynan, and Mike Schrauben.

Minutes Acceptance – Rick Briggs

March 26, 2013 minutes were accepted.

2013 Demo Day Update

Greg Andrews reported that the Detroit River Days would be an excellent choice for a demo days next year. He will work with Daryl Domke on the planning for June 2014.

Proposed Wildlife Orders – Creig Grey

Creig Grey reported that the September Hunt will be called the Liberty Hunt and October will be the Independence Hunt. October hunt will allow hunting on public land. Can hunt with a laser. The Standing Vehicle permits went forward – physical therapist not allowed per Wildlife and Law Division.

Cindy Burkhour said recreation therapist have a national certification and should be able to confirm disabilities. Therapeutic Recreation is the approval group of professionals to verify a person with disability needs regarding recreation. Rick suggest Cindy write a letter to the NRC. We need to educate staff and NRC members as they have the final say. Erica will contact Deb Whipple to add to the agenda.

The AAC would like to meet with the NRC Fish & Wildlife committee and Creig will try to make those arrangements.

July NRC meeting – Amy Trotter says we need different faces and more voices at the July meeting.

Legislative Update – Creig Grey

Creig Grey gave updates on the below bills and acts.

(HB 4297) – Congressional disabled plate, medal of honor or disabled veterans not required to have State Park Passport sticker.

(HB 4299) – ORV's allowed on more county roads.

(HB 4668) – Hunting and fishing licenses bill was sent back to the house.

(HB 4669) – Revise license fee for ORV's.

Public Act 21 – Would allow the NRC to make changes.

Public Act 22 – The right to hunt and fish.

Strategic Plan Review – Greg Andrews

There's a lot of discussion on the strategic plan and the AAC would like to meet with the director to discuss accessibility in the department.