

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NONMOTORIZED ADVISORY WORKGROUP (NAW)**

MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2011

Approved September 21, 2011

Video Conference Call:

**Stevens T. Mason Building
530 West Allegan, 7th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48933**

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PRESENT FOR THE WORKGROUP

John Gonway, *Chair*
Carol Fulsher (*via phone*)
Nancy Krupiarz
Scott TenBrink
Robert Golda

PRESENT FOR STAFF

Jim Radabaugh, *State Trails Coordinator, Forest Management Division (FMD)*
Annamarie Bauer, *Trail Planning Specialist, FMD*
Lindsey Dagnall, *Geographic Information Systems, FMD*

PRESENT FOR U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Ted Schultz, *Hiawatha National Forest (via phone)*

PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Rick Hogle, *Michigan Mountain Bike Association (MMBA)*
Steve Schnell, *Cheboygan County*
Denise Cline, *Northeast Michigan Council of Governments*
Norm Cox, *The Greenway Collaborative*
Barry Culham, *Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance (MTGA)*
Todd Scott, *MTGA*
Chris Mensing, *MMBA*
Dottie Lewis, *Marquette County (via phone)*
Eric Anderson, *Marquette County (via phone)*

WELCOME

Chair Gonway called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and introduced himself, followed by introductions of the NAW members and other attendees. He provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting and the task before the NAW regarding nonmotorized mapping to be presented to the Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council (MSTAC). He raised the issues of appropriate format and the methods to accomplish the task.

The June 2, 2011 Agenda was presented and reviewed.

A motion to approve the June 2, 2011 Agenda was offered by Scott TenBrink and supported by Nancy Krupiarz. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 3, 2011 were reviewed.

A motion to approve the March 3, 2011 Draft Minutes was offered by Nancy Krupiarz and supported by Scott TenBrink. The Minutes were unanimously approved as drafted.

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

REVIEW RULES OF PROCEDURE

Chair Gonway provided clarification and confirmed that the NAW operates under the same Rules of Procedure as the MSTAC.

REVIEW ROBERT GOLDA MAPPING INFORMATION

Robert Golda shared a map he produced, however he emphasized that there are a lot of layers and data sets that can be applied depending on specific purpose or need.

REVIEW THE MAPPING ASSETS OF VARIOUS USER GROUPS AND DISCUSS PLAN FOR AMALGAMATION OF MAPPING ASSETS

There was detailed discussion concerning the following mapping topics:

- Current availability of large amounts of data and data sets
- How best to manage the database, keep it current, and who best to do the updates
- How to pay for the creation and maintenance of such a system
- Basic minimum and levels of detail
- Sharing data, data quality, and compatibility
- Criteria, confirmation, and validations of recreation trails (what to include and not include, when is a trail not a trail such as permissive uses)
- Potential phasing (phase one build database, phase two interface)
- Purpose/value of maps relative to potential funding sources (safety, tourism, etc.)
- Electronic and/or print options
- Search criteria, broad to more specific, and the local/regional advantage
- Partnership opportunities and benefits with user groups, local governments, etc.
- Existing maps and examples of what various groups are doing

Several examples of regional mapping efforts included:

Nancy Krupiarz provided an overview of some of the issues MTGA encountered while developing their map finder program.

Denise Cline shared information on the creation of the US-23 Heritage website. The project involved six counties and was funded primarily through MDOT grants.

Eric Anderson and **Dottie Lewis** indicated that Marquette County maintains data and the regional planning offices are the point of contact.

Steve Schnell and **Denise Cline** shared the "Up North Trail" project model (details attached).

REVIEW AND DEFINE OBJECTIVES OF THE NAW

There was a question regarding the charge of the NAW and whether or not they are to do the work or come up with the overall plan for the mapping. **Chair Gonway** explained that the charge was not to do the work but to define or describe the framework and nonmotorized guidelines to be presented to the MSTAC. The NAW should identify what is needed, what it looks like, and the plan for how to implement it.

There was additional discussion on Center for Geographic Information (CGI). **Chair Gonway** summarized by stating CGI is the database that could be used as a tool, and that some type of plan and strategic guidelines were needed for the nonmotorized data/mapping function. The discussion also developed into an organizational plan that would be regional, perhaps centered around the regional districts established by the Michigan Council of Governments. He suggested that two-three people work to pull it together. **Denise Cline, Scott TenBrink, Nancy Krupiarz,** and **Rick Hogle** offered to help and others as available.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Radabaugh announced that a public meeting for the proposed reroute of the Musketawa State Trail – White Pine Trail State Park Connector Trail has been scheduled for June 7, 2011, by Ottawa County.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

None

NEXT MEETING

September 1, 2011, Mason Building in Lansing and the Marquette OSC (video conference call)

A motion offered by Scott TenBrink, supported by Nancy Krupiarz, to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.