

## MINUTES

### LAKES TO LAND REGIONAL INITIATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MONTHLY MEETING

**1:30 p.m. August 13, 2014**

**Pleasant Valley Community Center**

**Present:** Monica Schultz, Barb Farfsing, Janette May, Chuck Beale, Susan Barnard, Joe Frederick, Dave Long, Al Taylor, Ted Wood, Jim Stamm, Mike Jones, Brad Hopwood, Kurt Schindler, Rob Carson, Bruce Wildie, Sharron May, Bruce Ogilvie, Tamara Buswinka

#### Updates

**Non-profit entity** – Tim Ervin is working with a lawyer pro-bono to form an entity.

**Farm and Food System Update** – An update was emailed to the Leadership Team prior to the meeting (attached). Al Taylor spoke to farmers whose major issue is labor. He was wondering how that is going to be addressed. It was suggested to gather input and get people who have a core issue involved on the emerging Leadership Team.

#### **Status of Master Plan Wrap Up**

- Gilmore Township board will review for approval at September or October meeting. They are wondering how many copies of the MP they are going to be provided.
- Joyfield Township is hoping to have it approved by the September meeting.
- The Village of Honor had a Public Hearing w/ minor changes, typos, etc. According to Wildie, the Village president wants to reduce document from 40 to 17 pages. The next PC meeting is first Tuesday in September and the next Village Council meeting is the second Monday in September.
- Blaine Township – Leah needs Public Hearing minutes.
- Arcadia Township - board review for approval is in September.

#### **Presentation on Trails, Rob Carson and Tamara Buswinka**

Background: Rob Carson, Manistee County Planner, has experience with a 15-county regional recreation plan. The Carolina Thread Trail connects the city of Charlotte to the mountains, primary, secondary and tertiary trails.

Manistee County is working on their Recreation Plan and is in a data-gathering phase. An inventory of recreation sites is a key aspect of the plan. Three interns are taking inventory of site assets and what to seek for in grant funding. As L2L encompasses two counties, Carson feels this is an opportunity to include both counties. Carson displayed a series of GIS maps:

- Current mapped trails and water trails. The data behind these trails is what they are building right now.
- Public recreation lands and trout streams (draft data from other Rec. plans).
- Known recreation points (access sites, boating sites, etc. private and public).

### Key Discussion Points:

- This information can go to communities' Chamber of Commerce, phone apps, be linked to and from other websites
- The goal is to have representation from every municipality from the L2L process and those outside of the L2L process.
- Maps will be updated annually or as improvements are made. Files are going to be created for future editions.
- Outreach to Benzie County Kurt Schindler indicated that the Dept. of Equalization has the software but it is used exclusively for parcel mapping. (There isn't manpower to do anything more than that.)
- The outcome will be 4 GIS Shape files. When you hire consultants, you have maps but they own the data. This way the county owns and maintains the data.

### Next Steps:

- Township review of maps
- Form a Trails Leadership Team (Sept/Oct). Seeking members: township officials or interested citizens. Refer to Susan Barnard.
- Tamara will send out an e-blast describing the project.
- Outreach to Benzie County. [NOTE: it has not been determined who will actually do the outreach. If you know someone in the Benzie County gov't who should be involved, please contact, or just email Monica so she can add them the Trails Leadership Team list "to be contacted."]
- [NOTE: Monica sent around list to those who were interested to serve on the Trails Leadership Team and has distributed to those individuals. Please email Monica with names of any additional groups you think should be involved so they can be contacted.]

### Q&A from July Meeting: How are priorities for ordinances being selected?

Collective priorities were already identified. As opportunities arise, Tim Ervin is leveraging opportunities; and as leadership arises, things are getting done.

### Model Ordinances- No report

### Master Plan Wrap Up Celebration

A September evening potluck is being organized.

### Announcements

- Sept . 29 - Streamlining the Zoning Ordinance Workshop 6-9pm; Manistee City Hall.
- October 15- Blight Workshop. The Village Of Bear Lake has started to address blight. They met with Dept. of Rural Development, formed a Leadership team and created a model to deal with the complex issues surrounding blight. Carson acknowledged Norman Township's great job of addressing this issue. See Barb Farfing for more info.

### Ideas for Workshops

Social Media workshop; Tutorial on recent changes to Right To Farm Act (RTFA)

**Next Meeting:** September 9, 1:30 p.m., same location. Topics:

- Farm and Food Systems Assessment/Leadership Team Update
- Trail Leadership Team Update
- Model Ordinance Update
- Non-Profit Status Update
- Workshops