

## MINUTES

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

**Introductions:** Tim Ervin, (AES), John Iacoangelli (B&R), Denise Blakesly (City of Manistee); Connie Barnes (Gilmore Twp), Monica Schultz (Co-Chair), Ted Wood (Joyfield Twp) Kurt Schindler (MSUE), Sharron May (Crystal Lake Twp), Barb Farfing (Bear Lake).

### **Announcements**

**Place-making Training** – Based on the survey it will be on a Monday or Tuesday in October.

### **501(c)3 Status**

Thanks to Tim Ervin and Kate Redmond, Manistee Foundation has opened up a fund for Lakes to Land for charitable giving. They are serving as a fiduciary body until the non-profit status is obtained. Thanks to Olsen, Bzdok & Howard for legal support. Checks can be made out to Manistee County Community Foundation with "Lakes to Land" in the memo line. Instructions are on the website. [www.manisteefoundation.org/L2L](http://www.manisteefoundation.org/L2L). Leah will post link on the L2L website.

### **Celebration Planning**

October at the Portage Point Inn on a Monday or Tuesday night.

### **Ordinance Status**

John Iacoangeli provided a Zoning Audit for each Township and audit of the common themes. Templates for Blight and Riparian ordinances are online at the L2L website. Rural Preservation was a common theme that needs to be defined. Three of the 7 areas also mentioned home occupation/cottage industry. The goal is not to standardize the ordinances but rather to standardize the process, procedure and administration of such things as site plan reviews, zoning administration/enforcement, riparian management, blight, etc.

**Next Steps:** Invite one person from each Planning Commission to work on Zoning Template with John Iacoangeli. Denise recommended inviting the ZA to be a part of the process. Monica is organizing and will send out an email with details.

### **Leadership Team Facilitation/Education Update**

Tim and Monica have been working on Leadership team capacity-building through training and certifications. Monica provided a list of potential educational topics centered around the priorities that the L2L community has set. She suggested the idea of contracting a qualified Facilitator to help the various teams move forward and look steps ahead.

### **Trail Leadership Team Update**

Bruce Ogilvie reported that he is having a difficult time convening a Trails leadership team. He thought that Roger Griner might be better able to do it. Chris Sullivan, Barbara Nelson-Jamison, Bill Herd and others were also recommended to Monica, who will try to get the ball rolling.

### **Food & Farm System Assessment**

The study is complete and available at the L2L website. <http://www.lakeistoland.org/farm-and-food-system/>. Leadership team members are encouraged to read the report and submit feedback. The chart on page 51 aggregates the combined findings. The Appendix includes a comprehensive list of resources.

**Next steps:** get input from stakeholders who indicated they wanted to be involved. Tim Ervin will be meeting with Mike DiBarnardo and Jody Gruner from MDARD on Monday to talk about funding priorities.

### **Wrap Up**

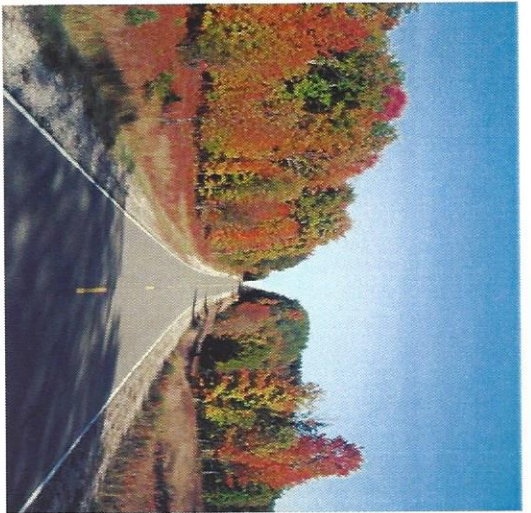
There will be no meeting in October. The Celebration, Award Banquet on Mackinac Island and Place-making Training will all take place in October. .

### **Announcements, Other Topics**

**Master Plan Changes** - Connie Barnes shared a question that came up at last night's meeting for the ordinance on blight. If there is a small change needed on the Master Plan, wait until the update. If it's a more significant change, then do an amendment, but there is a cost involved.

**Hard copies of the Master Plan** - All of the Planning Commissions will receive 10 copies of Tab 4 and 2 CDs of Tabs 1-4.

**Benzie County Summit** Friday, October 17 @ Oliver Art Center (all day).



## What is the Benzie Summit about?

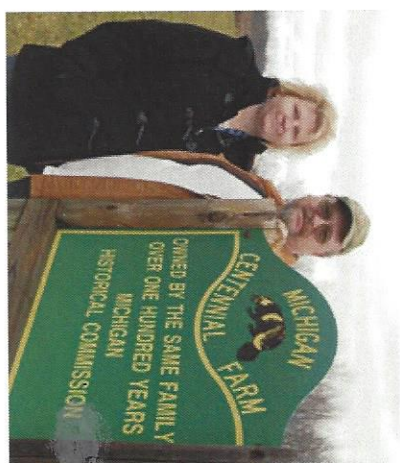
Subject matter experts have been invited in to talk about the issues of the day that affect local governments.

Seating is limited, so register early (and save money in the process).

**Who should attend?** Elected officials, staff, and key appointees with the City of Frankfort; the Villages of Thompsonville, Elberta, Honor, Lake Ann, Beulah, and Benzonia; and the Townships of Colfax, Crystal Lake, Platte, Lake, Homestead, Almira, Benzonia, Blaine, Joyfield, Weldon, Gilmore and Inland; and Benzie County.

### Who are these subject matter experts?

- Deena Bosworth – MAC: legislation and its impact on local governments
- Sarah Lucas – NWMCOG: Regional Prosperity Zones
- Deb Query – Grow Benzie: Cottage Food Law
- Rob Richardson – TBAEDC: current study efforts in Benzie County
- Patrick Cudney – MSUE: services for local government units
- Grant writing – and grant administration
- Kerry Wiebert – DNR: to be determined
- Final schedule to be determined



*Agricultural heritage*

### When and where?

Friday, October 17, 2014 8-4

- 8-9 Registration and coffee
- 9-12 Presentations
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-4 Presentations

Eliz. Lane Oliver Center for the Arts  
132 Coast Guard Road  
Frankfort, Michigan

**Parking** adjacent to the building is limited. There is a circular driveway dropping off for those who cannot drive. Drop off on Second Street or the west side of Main Street. It is a very short walk to the building.



## REGISTRATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

X \$20ea before 10/14 \_\_\_\_\_

X \$35ea after 10/14 \_\_\_\_\_

(Paid registrations must be received in the Benzie County Treasurer's office by 5pm 10/14 for the lower price).

Registrations are transferrable. Make checks payable to Benzie County.

Mail to Benzie Summit, 448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617, or pay at the Treasurer's Office in the County Government Center.

## Need more information?

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