

MACPRO Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 11, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Fallasburg Park –, Kent County Parks

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Stencil

People present: John Scholtz-Ottawa County; Mark Brochu-St. Clair County; Ken Elwert-Lapeer County; Dan Stencil – Oakland County; Dan Patton – Eaton County; Mike McDonald – Ingham County; Roger Sabine – Kent County; Jerry Jaloszynski – Gratiot and Clinton County
- II. Minutes were approved as presented. Moved by Scholtz, seconded by Brochu
- III. Treasurer’s report was approved as presented. Moved by Brochu, seconded by Elwert. Balance in treasury is \$10,323.78 after reimbursing two members for half their costs to attend the NRPA Legislative day.
- IV. Legislative Update:
 - a. Several bills were discussed, most of which are just entering the legislative process and may or may not see further action:
 - i. SB 481 – no smoking on bathing beaches
 - ii. HB 4691-4696 Defines injuries related to fireworks as felonies
 - iii. HB 4699 – Identifying pier jumping as illegal
 - iv. HB 4663 – Local veto power over state land purchases and requiring payment in lieu of taxes from the fund that purchased the property (for example, the MNRTF)
- V. The idea of parks receiving funds for carbon credits was discussed
- VI. Future role of MACPRO was discussed including:
 - a. Becoming a more professional organization
 - b. Developing clear mission, including possibly representing the interests of outdoor recreation, outdoor conservation, and regional outdoor planning
 - c. Discussed possible partners including the MUCC, DNR, Land Conservancies & other groups
- VII. Discussed current bank account structure. Motion by Brochu, seconded by Jaloszynski to add John Scholtz as another signatory on our bank account. Currently only the treasurer has access to the funds.
- VIII. Presenting at the next Michigan Association of Counties Conference was discussed. Elwert volunteered to gather information about when and where and present it to possible presenters before the next meeting.
- IX. Website was discussed and clarified. Role of website as a marketing tool for all county parks was discussed, as well as a possible communication tool for members. Elwert is continuing to work on improving the site.
- X. MACPRO member survey was discussed.
- XI. Rescheduling meetings was discussed, including aligning meeting dates with MRPA public policy to save time and travel for many of the members that attend both groups. Motion made by Elwert, seconded by Scholtz to change the rest of the year’s meeting dates to July 19th at 1:00 p.m. and November 9th at 1:00 p.m.
- XII. Meeting Adjourned

MACPRO Agenda

Date: Thursday, July 19, 2007

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Crossroads Village – Genesee County Parks

Directions: 6140 Bray Rd., Flint, MI 48505-1807. Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad are located just North of Flint. Follow I-475 North off I-75 or I-69 to Saginaw Street – Exit 13. Take Saginaw Street north one-quarter mile to Stanley Road. Go East on Stanley road two miles to Bray Road, then south on Bray to the Village.

Agenda items:

- Call to Order

- Introductions

- Approval of the May 11, 2007 meeting minutes

- Treasurer's Report

- Legislative Update

- MAC Conference Presentation – Amway Plaza, August 19 -21 – phone:1-800-258-1152

- Bank Account signatory follow-up

- MACPRO mission discussion

- MACPRO Membership Survey

- Website
 - Member's list updated
 - Added Member spotlight section
 - Working on find a park near you section
 - Will need cooperation from ALL members to make this work
 - Concept will allow someone to enter their zipcode and see all the county parks in neighboring zipcodes

- County Recreation Guide Concept – Elwert

- Other Business

- Roundtable

- Next Meeting Date November 9, 1:00 p.m. – Eaton County – possible Wild Game Cookout?

- Adjournment