

## **Attendance**

Danna Widmar, HARBOR, Inc.  
Carl Ferguson, LIAA  
Randy Frykberg, LTT/WTT Zoning Administrator  
Linda Taylor, Readmond Township Resident  
Richard Taylor, Readmond Township Resident  
Bill Wiechmann, Pleasantview Township Supervisor  
Joe Chattaway, Little Traverse Township Zoning Board  
Kathy Lott, Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Laura Kors, Harbor Springs City Council  
Pringle Pfeifer, Harbor Springs Resident  
Mary Ellen Hughes, City of Harbor Springs Planning Commission  
Carol Lainen, Tennis, West Traverse Resident  
Gary Lainen, Tennis, West Traverse Resident  
Bill Montgomery, Harbor Springs Little League  
Ned Keys, Harbor Springs Snowboarding Club  
Stacy Troilo, Harbor Springs Pop Warner Football, Harbor Springs Ultimate Frisbee  
Joey Arbaugh, West Traverse Township Planning Commission  
Connie O'Neill, Little Traverse Township Trustee  
Edward Shepherd, Little Traverse Township Trustee  
Carrie Wiggins, Perry Farm Wellness  
Debbie Esposito, Girls on the Run, Harbor Soccer  
Sandy Baker, HARE  
George Menzi, HARBOR, Inc.  
Jim Grogan, Harbor Springs City Council  
Jeff Hall, Harbor Soccer  
Jim Wilderom, Harbor Springs Resident  
Carolyn Sandford, West Traverse Township Recreation Committee  
Cathy Green (Denny Green), Harbor Springs Tennis Team Coach  
Jim Gillespie, Blissfest Music Organization  
Ed Watson, HS Tennis, Birchwood  
Paul Repasky, West Traverse Township  
John Johnson, Little Traverse Township Zoning Board  
Joan Fenton, HS School Board  
Alice Grogan, Harbor Springs Resident  
Wendy Reeve, Harbor Springs Resident  
Jean Beckley, Little Traverse Township Zoning Board, NCMC Board  
Webb Martin, First Tee  
Russ Langs, NMFRC  
Steve Neac, NMFRC  
Jim Ford, Harbor Soccer  
Michelle Zoerner, Community Schools  
Bill Prall, HS Cycling Club, North Country Trail  
Jane Taylor, Little Traverse Township  
Bill Dohm, Little Traverse Township Supervisor

### **What do you want to accomplish here tonight?**

High quality recreation places and open spaces  
Communication of available activities  
Inventory of activities  
Understand Pros and Cons of Recreation Authority  
Public Water Access  
Open, quiet spaces  
Forest preservation  
Purchase of Development Rights  
Physical fitness for all  
Levels of Cooperation (mentioned multiple times)  
Kiwanis Park improvements  
Lakeshore access  
Maintain facilities  
Indoor tennis facility  
Understand community needs, expectations and desires  
Better control of donations through non-profit vs. government  
Review past efforts  
Cooperation  
Facility Coordination  
More local x-country ski trails  
Funding  
Facility inventory (county-wide to evaluate the county proposal)  
Interests of youth  
Quiet, low impact sports  
Aquatic activities  
More options  
Blend of Recreation and Culture  
Options for Impaired / Challenged  
Avoid Duplication  
Make use of school buildings as community centers  
Equity for all  
More kids on the water (Boats, kayaks, waterskis, etc.)

### **What do you want for Recreation with a Harbor Springs Focus in the next 10 years?**

Year Round Facility (focus on year round residents, programming, transportation)  
Recreation/Cultural Authority (management/financial umbrella to support all)  
Community Schools where schools run things  
Identify where to go outdoors  
Geocaching instruction  
Outdoor Open Space  
Central Facility  
Programming of activities  
Teach Snowshoeing, mountain biking, etc.

Programs focused on Middle & Upper Students & latch key  
Safe bicycle rides to school including monitors, schools and bike racks (kids burning more calories)  
Wellness Council is being started at school  
Financial umbrella-not government but organization that collects money  
Public waterfront access  
Golf program / sailing program / Nordic kids – discounts for locals  
Northern Michigan ski academy  
List of available activities / times / locations on website  
“Things to do” book  
Kiwanis location for activities for banquets, gatherings, etc.  
Access to boats, etc. with water access for locals that don’t have boats  
Keep school land for recreation  
Indoor tennis/soccer – County facility is the place  
Independence of separate organizations  
Money is always needed  
Parks & Recreation Department to register for things  
Do a parks department through the school district  
Community tennis program  
Drop in tennis  
Do something with old tennis center  
Not bricks and mortar, but programming  
After school recreation with transportation to other facilities (ski hills)  
Skiing  
Great Lakes  
Bussing without mixing young kids with older kids  
Indoor tennis for October through May  
Getting kids to programs that are not at the school  
Kids participate in programs at school because of convenience  
Little League girls softball field at Hoover needs to be completed, \$25-30 in improvements are needed at the corner of Hoyt  
Harbor Soccer – a 4<sup>th</sup> field is needed  
Indoor Soccer might be desirable ultimately  
Blackbird Tennis Courts need to be resurfaced  
Adjacent green space needs to be landscaped and needs bleachers  
Need one coordinator for all things

**Additional related information requested (parking lot information):**

- Gaylord funded an indoor facility with millage, what was it?
- How to make Purchase of Development Rights happen?
- How many vacant facilities do we currently have? How many can be used / converted?
- How many kids ride the bus? (300-400 out of 1120)
- 10 Indoor tennis courts between Midland and Marquette (8 in TC)

- Community schools – 20 years ago a director administered all local recreation and other local activities, funding changed because of the state mandate. Are there current models? Can it be done without millage? Can it include indoor activities? Can it incorporate education? Check into the US Dept. of Education “After School Alliance”. Can it off-set “latch-key”? Can it address “at risk” and childhood obesity?
- Northern Michigan Recreation Center details wanted (15 million dollars being raised, \$12 million for facilities, \$3 million for endowment, annual operating is estimated at \$1.2 million, YMCA will manage). Facility includes a shallow water pool, 3-4 indoor tennis courts, 5000 sf wellness center with gym and indoor track, multi-purpose rooms, locker rooms, tot rooms, teen youth center with programs, social area, food service area, weight room.