

Notes from HARBOR, Inc. meeting on 6/9/05
Early Meeting (Chris Baiardi, Bill Dohm, Bill Wiechmann)

West Traverse

Budget for Rec. Development
Not much public input
Negative comment on Cook Property
Rec. Plan expires in July; have done none of the statutory requirements
Not contemplating grant seeking anytime
Recreation is not center and forefront
Recreational Question stems from Survey
Talk about County plan for the major facilities
People are interested in public open space
Millage is something that is approvable according to their survey
Outdoorsman club
Birchwood and Weque are not publicly accessible

Little Traverse

Know what is needed out there
Work on this in pods
Probably not going to see much public input
Pool is out of league
County wide millage has been discussed by some at the County
Tennis must be represented
Don't know how to eliminate anything
Get inclusive as much as possible
Open space for kite flying
Can't eliminate things
LTT has 3 school districts

Pleasantview

What is purpose? – Funding
Tennis is really wanted
Someone is trying to buy tennis facility
Need to add skateboard parks
Recreation map – Missing Chestnut Valley Golf
Motorized trails? – 4 wheelers and dirt bikes (not allowed on snowmobile trails)
Horseback riding?

Other Advisors/people to talk to

Emmet County
Snowmobile (Mike Bigelow, Dave Price, Melissa Adeline)
Tennis, Fred Ball
Pool, Mark Dunn
Emmet County sportsmen/ Harbor springs outdoorsmen
Birchwood, Boyne
Birdwatching group – Petoskey regional Audubon society, Kenyon stebbons

Notes from HARBOR, Inc. meeting on 6/9/05
Later Meeting at City Council Chambers

Attendance

City of H.S. (Fred Geuder, Mike Heinz)
Friendship Township (Dale Scott, Rob Parson)
Readmond Township (Ron Krause)
West Traverse Township (Paul Repasky)

General Issues

- Consensus time for meeting is Tuesday nights
- Mutually want to know what goes on elsewhere
- Consensus meeting format is desired over specifically voting on things
- Friendship committee will be contact
- Defined relationship with special interest groups would be helpful
- Readmond will be forming a committee
- City has no committee
- Plan on facilities that could be adopted locally – advantage
- Organized recreation was low priority in survey
- Recreation is the beach
- Interest in open space
- Where are the children? Would be nice to know demographics
- Township hall grounds are considered recreation
- Exterior restrooms are needed for recreation
- Refer to Harbor, Inc. quality of life survey
- Four wheelers not allowed anywhere
- Don't need public input yet b/c don't know where we are going (beginning of next summer probably would be desirable)
- Get summer folks input (readmond, friendship)
- Should publish that we are doing this, tell us what you think, give names to contact, put in the graphic,
- Should consider a name
- Greater Harbor Springs Recreation, Northwest Emmet County?
- Recreation Resource Network
- Get results of Readmond, West Traverse surveys
- Network of interconnected trails for walking is also good for wildlife, etc.
- No perceived need for ballfields, but are we putting them in the right places
- New one going into the Little Traverse Tournament play
- Need info on demographics, school enrollment, etc.
- How do we tie in state owned land? Inventory it. What can we do on their land? What about if they get rid of some land? Should interview DNR advisory person, establish relationship. Transfers of land?
- Partner with county to understand DNR property zoning and intent
- A place for the kids – programming for children during the day
- Programming of activities for kids

- maintain and operate – no grants available for – very underserved
- Frankenmuth has a full time rec. person for a joint area that includes the city and township 7,000 people
- Teenage advisors are needed (comm. Foundation, harbor reps. from committee)
- Center township fields are packed – only two fields, adult leagues there
- Are local residents going elsewhere to get needs met?
- Cost of upkeep – 5,000 in the a few years with security person for Readmond/Friendship/Tribe land
- Bathrooms get vandalized, its part of the cost
- 24 hr. restrooms are needed along bike trails
- Emergency telephones
- Work well with neighboring townships to get interconnecting trails on state land
- Get contact names/numbers
- Break down to acres
- Snowmobile layers on map

Other Advisors/people to include interview

YMCA?
Watson Arena
Youth Hockey
Teenagers