

Harbor Area Recreation Initiative – Notes from Easel Pad – 11/22/2005

Attending

City of Harbor Springs – Fred Gueder, City Manager, Mike Heinz, City Council

Little Traverse Township – Bill Dohm, Supervisor

Pleasantview Township – Bill Wiechman, Supervisor

Readmond Township – Roland Krause, Treasurer

Friendship Township – Dale Scott, Supervisor, Rob Parson, Recreation Committee

Harbor Springs Schools – Dave Larson, Superintendent

HARBOR, Inc. – Tom Bailey, Director (& LTC Exec. Dir.), Danna Widmar, Executive Director

LIAA – Carl Ferguson

LIAA (CF) first summarized what had been covered at last meeting ending with a discussion to focus on trails and open space.

LIAA (CF) then presented the possible organizational structures this multi-jurisdictional partnership could implement to develop, acquire and manage trails and open space. Following that, LIAA and HARBOR asked all attending for their input on these possible structures and where to head next.

There was some discussion about how to define, categorize and/or separate recreation for the purposes of this effort:

General outdoor (trails, open space, natural areas) vs. organized recreation

Recreational infrastructure (land & improvements) vs. programming vs. maintenance

There was general discussion about the different organizational structures. Discussion identified that Recreation Authority has significant benefits (offers flexibility) if specific and agreeable in structure.

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2. School Board Discussion about programming and organized recreation
3. Craft a plan; invite all municipalities; not a specific mission but options, maybe a vision

NOTES TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM EASEL PADS

Some schools – East Grand Rapids/Forest Hills using 1917 Law

Rec. Authority can go by jurisd. Boundaries including school district boundaries

West traverse does not have a current plan

People are open

School is trying to continue programs, organized sports, etc. for things outside of school

Inventory – TOMTC, HARBOR, INC, CharEm Hockey

Two Rough Categories

General outdoor, natural

Organized sports/ programming. People/facilities

Millage could support some proportion of each

Surveys prioritized things in first category

Recreational infrastructure vs. programming

Funding ties things together

Craft a plan

Recognize the need for other evaluation

Equitable distribution of costs

Maybe answer part of the organized sport by categorization

Recreational Land

Need to keep some independence/ but work on connecting corridors

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See a broad tax as difficult to implement if it is not specific

Tribe included in this group