



**Old Mission Peninsula Scenic Heritage Route  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Peninsula Township Office**

**MINUTES (draft)**

**Committee Members Present:** Ann Swaney, Bern Kroupa, Jim Sullivan, Nancy Heller, Patty O'Donnell (MDOT), Rick Vida, Dave McLeod

**Guests/Community Members Present:** Gordon Hayward

**Staff Present:** Megan Olds (Parallel Solutions, via contract with Networks Northwest)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The group introduced themselves to each other, including their affiliations.

**2. Review Proposed Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and there were no suggested changes.

**3. Adoption of Minutes** (June 20, 2017)

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted by consensus without changes.

**4. Correspondence**

None.

**5. Old Business**

None.

**6. New Business**

A. The committee reviewed and revisited the 2012 Management Plan goals and activities. Several edits and changes were suggested. Megan will revise the plan and email it to the committee. She will also work with Networks Northwest to see if new data (particularly traffic counts and PASER data) can be updated. Gordon (Township) will provide updated Purchase of Development Rights and park maps to include in the updated plan. Megan will share the new draft prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>. She will also update the brochure and will send to Ann for committee to review. Ann will contact Sarah regarding printing the brochure and maintaining the website.

B. This item was discussed under agenda topic #11 (see below).

**7. MDOT Update** – Patty shared the new MDOT Driving Guide that is available at major Welcome Centers in Michigan. The Guide features the byways and heritage routes. There are no extra copies for distribution, but is on the MDOT website.

**8. Networks Northwest Staff Update**

A. Megan and Patty shared an update on anticipated 2018 funding and staffing support for M-37 Scenic Heritage Route. Megan shared that this would be her last meeting with the committee; her contract was short-term and she was just filling in as a contractor during a staff transition up until September 30. Either Sarah Lucas (Networks Northwest) or Megan will contact Ann regarding who from Networks Northwest will support the committee's activities. Patty indicated that money was available to print updated brochures and to update the heritage route website.

B. Megan shared an update on other Byways and Heritage Routes in the region. The M-22 Benzie-Manistee Corridor Management Plan is currently out for public review through October 13. The committee discussed the potential for a region-wide gathering of heritage route and byway committee members to discuss issues, learn from each other, and identify shared needs and issues. A spring 2018 meeting was suggested.

**9. Public Comment**

None.

**10. Committee Member Comments**

No additional comments.

**11. Next Meeting:**

April 24, 2018, 9:00 – 10:30 .a.m. Topics to include: website updates, planning for regional gathering of heritage routes. Megan will prepare a draft/template agenda organized around Management Plan goals topic to help guide action-oriented discussion.

The committee plans to meet three times a year with one joint meeting, if desired. The months of April, June, September and November will be held open for this work.

**12. Adjourn**