

**Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2008 12:00 noon
Stonehouse Bread Café, Leland**

Members Present

Marsha Buehler, Leelanau Township
Greg Julian, Leelanau County Planning Commission
Frank Wilcox, Glen Arbor Township

Staff Present

Patty O'Donnell, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments

I. Welcome and Introductions

A quorum was not present.

II. Review Proposed Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Remove IV. New Business, a. Port Oneida Assessment.

III. Review and Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes (June 23, 2008)

A quorum was not present.

IV. New Business

No new business at this time.

V. Old Business

a. Michigan Statewide Heritage Routes Conference Summary

The comments received at the conference felt that the speakers were good; to make sure we have a conference every year; and rotate the location around the state.

VI. Educational Opportunities and Materials

a. Guidebook Update

The Committee will be looking to revise the Guidebook in 2009.

VII. Project Updates

a. Wayfinding Signs

Patty stated that Gill's Pier Winery has requested two TODS on M-204 sending visitors north on Eagle Highway to M-22. The question came up of why does Gill's Pier Winery get to have a sign when they are on already on a state highway. What about the rules? Patty reported that sign issues on heritage routes will be worked on by all three of the Council of Governments' heritage route committees in 2009.

Marsha Buehler reported that she is working on the wayfinding committee for Northport's Future by Design project with Gosling Czubak.

b. Trailway Project Update

Patty O'Donnell reported that the Trailway Plan and Environmental Assessment was out for public comment for the month of October. An open house was held on October 16th with about 20 people attending. All of the comments at the open house were in favor of Alternative B. All

the public comments will be compiled with a Trailway Work Group meeting in November for review. The National Scenic Byways Grant to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the design and engineering of the Dune Climb to Glen Arbor segment will begin in the spring of 2009.

c. Elmwood Township Park and Marina Project

No one present to report.

d. Omena Buried Utilities Project

Marsha reported no new information was available.

e. Empire Streetscape Project

Frank Wilcox stated that construction is continuing with the sidewalks in, road is paved, and working on landscaping.

VIII. Correspondence

Frank submitted a letter from the Glen Arbor Township Supervisor to Rise Rasch at the MDOT Traverse City Transportation Service Center that recommends a "left turn lane be installed at the entrance to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Dune Climb area located on M-109.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

X. Announcements

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Monday, November 17th at 12:00 noon** at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.