

**M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:30 a.m.
Readmond Township Hall**

Members Present

Joey Arbaugh, West Traverse Township
Dick Cobb, Emmet County Lakeshore Association
Rob Deane, Cross Village Township
Ron Krause, Readmond Township
Carolyn Sandford, West Traverse Township
Dave Shear, Emmet County Lakeshore Association
Henry Singer, Cross Village Township
Naomi Singer, Cross Village Township
Larry Wallen, Readmond Township

Guests

Kieran Fleming, Little Traverse Conservancy
George and Catherine Reindel, Readmond Township

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dick Cobb called the meeting to order a.m. 9:30 a.m. Members and guests were introduced.

II. Review Proposed Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and the motion passed to accept the agenda as presented.

III. Approval of the August 12, 2008 Minutes

The motion carried to approve the minutes as is.

IV. Old Business

- A. President Cobb and members, Naomi Singer, Henry Singer and Ron Krause gave a report on the recent state Heritage Highway Conference. Members discussed breakout sessions, federal guidelines, agenda highlights and presenters. Handouts from the conference were shared and made available for review. The committee recognized Patty O'Donnell for her organization and hard work and Naomi Singer for a successful conference. A letter will be drafted and sent to partners recognizing Patty's efforts.
- B. The draft Management Plan was distributed to committee members for their review. The committee discussed ways to have the plan reviewed and identified partners with interest in the plan. A motion carried to provide the draft plan to partners once the complete plan has been reviewed by the committee, corrections have been made and the other components are included.
- C. Education activities: Dick suggested that we follow up on the management plan as it relates to education activities.

V. Correspondence

President Cobb shared an email correspondence received from Readmond Township resident, Mr. Kuckleman. He has requested a copy of the grant proposal for the bridge project. Dick and Naomi explained that after contacting Dave Langhorst, the status of the project was clarified. There is no grant application at this time. MDOT is still working with the design

project which was funded under the original grant application in 2006. Currently, the MDOT staff is reviewing the design. There are to be exceptions to usual State highway standards as well as project changes resulting from the committee input. Naomi will contact Patty O'Donnell to see if a copy of the original grant can be provided as requested.

VI. Committee Member Comment

No comments were made.

VII. Public Comment

George Reindel commented that the emphasis on preservation should be at the forefront of the committee.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the West Traverse Township Hall on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.