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## M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023

#### Present

Don Schaplowsky, Readmond Township  
James Fisher, Friendship Township  
Jim Anderson, Friendship Township  
Sue Rentrop, Emmet County Lakeshore Association / Cross Village Township  
Joe Tomlinson, Readmond Township  
Franz Neubrecht, Emmet County Lakeshore Association  
Laurelynn Harris, Cross Village Township  
Joey Arbaugh, West Traverse Township  
Zach Vega, Networks Northwest

#### I. Introductions and Adoption of Minutes (September 12, 2023)

Chair Laurelynn Harris called the meeting to order at 9:30

Motion to delay acceptance of minutes until clarification on Pond Hill maximum allowance of 999 people – need to look at Township Board meeting minutes to clarify

- Tammy D (Emmet) – Discussed Coastal Zone Management grant, compiled list of property owners, will provide materials to property owners along Lake Michigan shoreline, informational sessions for people along shoreline in 2024

#### II. Unfinished Business

- Discussed printing of brochures, issues with outdated information and no Pure Michigan logo – will not print brochures because of this
  - Adopt-a-Highway: Read a letter from resident thanking committee for volunteers who helped pick up rubbish during summer/fall
  - *Annual Pure Michigan Byway Performance Evaluation:*
    - Total byway volunteer hours: 800
    - Zach will call LIAA about website hits
    - Number of new Byway Committee members (page 1): change to 4 from 1
- Motion to move to approve by James Fisher, seconded by Dan Schaplowsky – 8 ayes, 0 nays
- *2024 Byway Annual Work Plan Budget*
    - Meetings April to October – remove December – March meetings
    - Want to revamp guidebook brochures

- Update admin activities to include ideas from input session

**III. Other**

- Discussed need to have an information package for new committee members – requirements of the state each year; representation; committee makeup; when management plan was last adopted and when new one has to be implemented
- Discussed need for a Facebook page – did not want, too much exposure, no consensus on how to use

Motion by Sue Rentrop to approve Work Plan budget, seconded by Joey Arbaugh

**Adjournment/** Next Meeting: April 9, 2024 at Friendship Township, Emmet County