



DUNE ACRES/ PORTER BEACH MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 1, 2009

Post it notes

Resource Management

- Keep a small light footprint.
- Why is the deer management study just beginning now? We've been over stocked for years.
- Testing of water for E-coli.
- Want an environment assessment done on jet skis.
- People walking to Porter Beach from your parking lots walk in the street and obstruct traffic. Sweep the sand off your walk, cut the grass and weeds, and widen the walk.
- Please save the old roads for biking, walking and reminiscing at least as trails.

Jurisdiction

- Would like "jurisdiction" issues to be clarified.
- Develop a clear policy for what beach access rights are: boating, buoys boundaries, DNR role, enforcement resources.
- Define a code of local citizen rights. What areas are defined as private usage-how to manage borders?

Programs

- Any hope for allowing trail bikes (non-motorized) on any local paths?
- We would like to see Bailey Chellberg Farm resume its educational programs and working farm.
- Volunteers could be better used at the farm, etc. By being able to apply on line and show individuals area of expertise.
- Give park volunteers free Dunes State Park entry sticker for volunteering. Would increase use of residents into the Park.
- More strongly support "Dunes Learning Center" as it is now administered. No privatizing.

Communication

- Define NPS development priorities- parking structure, development acquisition plan timelines.
- How does the Marquette plan figure into what you're doing?
- Want Marquette plan to be slowed down or put on hold.
- The Singing Sands that used to be printed by Friends of the Dunes and was mailed out was more informative and seemed to have more activities. I miss it.



- Hate the current newsletter. Bring back the old one. That had useful information
- Institute quarterly meetings with town to create dialog on regular basis.
- Park Service should hold meetings at which residents can question activity of park service- at least quarterly.



Flip Chart Notes

- More information clear communication
 - Easements- rights (Porter Beach)
- DNR- conflicting messages
 - Safety, enforcement issues
 - Responsibility
 - Land rights vs. Marquette Plan
- Increased public access balanced with local access
- Trail bikes- allowed at West Beach. Calumet Trail
- Saving old roads for trails, some old roads stay
 - Some eliminated because of proliferation of invasive.
 - National Lakeshore supports increasing of trails
- For the sense of history/local culture should be part of GMP
- Suggest trails
- Overall Conservation Plan ex. Mount Baldy
 - Erosion from people, safety concerns moving dune?
- Communicate conservation efforts
 - Increase awareness; website tab
- Use Facebook for communication
- Communication
 - Through town email system cannot use Facebook
 - Park should communicate directly with cities/towns & elaborate email tree
 - 11/8 – 3pm facilitated meeting
- Deer Environmental Impact Study
 - End 12/09- then action on plan
- E-coli- different levels at different locations on same day- combined sewage over flows- rain
 - Jurisdiction testing procedures
 - Beach eg. Funds for testing
- Partnership? Lobby for separate storm water/ sewer systems
- Jet Skis- environmental assessment
- Personal watercraft prohibited in all National Parks, Burns waterway is not in the park
- Special permits can allow
- Jet skis technology changed through 2000
- Jurisdiction -300 ft into lake



Potential Cooperative Projects for Further Discussion

1. Communication
 - a. NPS Limitations for using social networking websites
 - b. Create a web page that summarizes important issues
 - c. Use more informative signage at sites to communicate activities
 - d. Use town email trees
 - e. Quarterly meetings with residents
 - f. Define priority topics of interest (conservation efforts)

2. Resource Management
 - a. Cooperative efforts to designate more trails for mountain bikes
 - b. Cooperative efforts to decide about designation of old roads as trails
 - c. Cooperative efforts to identify important historical and cultural resources to celebrate
 - d. Develop a water quality testing plan using shared resources
 - e. Develop a plan to cooperatively lobby appropriate town and city councils for separate storm water systems

3. Jurisdiction
 - a. Collaborate with NIRPC and IDNR to resolve issues and clarify jurisdiction rights and responsibilities
 - b. Create a citizens' group formed from all shoreline cities and towns that is willing to study and understand the current laws as written and work cooperatively with the local, state, and federal agencies to ensure enforcement according to the laws