

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing Minutes
February 14, 2018
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Gogebic County will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, in the County Courthouse, District Courtroom, located at 200 N Moore St, Bessemer, beginning at 5:00 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to receive any comment from the public regarding the Gogebic County 2018-2022 Five-Year Recreation Plan. The plan draft remains available for review at the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission Office, 500 N Moore St, Bessemer, and on WUPPDR's website at www.wuppdr.org. Written comments may be submitted to jwuorenmaa@wuppdr.org or to WUPPDR, PO Box 365, Houghton, MI 49931, through February 10, 2018.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (5) Laabs, Oliver,
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila,
Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Wasley

At 5:00 p.m. Chairman Peterson read the purpose of the Public Hearing for those in attendance.

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to open the public hearing.

Chairman Peterson then asked for public comment.

Steve Hamilton of Wakefield, representing the Gogebic County Trail Authority mentioned the expansion of the Iron Belle Trail further east to Ramsay and then on towards Wakefield could have an effect on their ORV motorized trail along the current railroad grade. He mentioned the club is looking at developing primitive campsites in the Powers Road Area, the campsites would be along the current ORV trail in that area.

Sandy Lahtinen of Ironwood Township asked Hamilton how the ORV's would travel to get these proposed sites. He mentioned the ORV's would follow the ORV Ordinance for Gogebic County.

Peterson asked for any additional comments and heard none.

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public hearing at 5:08 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk