



Motion by Commissioner Bowers, supported by Commissioner Rosa granting permission to Harris authorizing him to construct a driveway that accesses Cinder Road instead of on an existing private road. The Board grants this exception to the Road Commission's residential driveway standards.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

Request: letter of support: proposed motorcycle trail crossing on DNR property Platte Township: West Michigan Trail Rides representative Sean Duperron provided an outline for a proposed motorcycle trail that could possibly utilize an existing snowmobile crossing on Fowler Road as well as across several unmaintained seasonal roads in that area. He further explained that due to the lengthy MDNR internal process to create the trail, is asking the Road Commission to write a letter of support before proceeding.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers, supported by Commissioner Rosa instructing Skeels to write a letter of support for the construction of a proposed single-track motorcycle trail on state land in Platte Township to the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission with the following conditions:

-provide funding to install signage to warn automobile traffic of the approaching trail crossing on Fowler Road and erect additional standard signage for trail users approaching the crossings of primary and seasonal county roads as illustrated in the "Michigan Motorized Trail Maintenance and Signing Handbook."

Discussion: None. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

Letter dated October 5, 2020 from Beth McWhorter to the Benzie County Road Commission and to Benzie County seeking restitution for injuries sustained when she tripped at the beach access at the end of Point Betsie Road on August 12, 2020. Skeels informed the Board the letter was forwarded on to the Road Commission's Self Insurance Pool for them to address and respond to.

**Public Input:** None.

**Board Round Table:**

Briefly discussed the following subjects:

-Ongoing investigation to identify a vehicle that disregarded our work-zone restrictions and almost hit one of our employees. Vehicle has been identified and the matter turned over to law enforcement to address.

-Skeels informed the Board they would be asked to approve at a later date a summary document requested by MERS acknowledging how the Road Commission administer our pension plans.

-Conservation Resource Alliance representative Kim Balke will be calling into the next Board meeting to explain a request to approve a two-year agreement with the CRA to track down and locate special funding for future culvert and stream crossing projects – the cost of which would be \$10,000.00 to participate.

-News that in regards to the upcoming Ironman race event, a recent Attorney General ruling now requires townships to submit road closure applications to MDOT and that this ruling removes the Road Commission out of the picture.

-Discuss how to carry out snowplowing this fall/winter in the event the COVID-19 situation deteriorates to the point of another possible shutdown.

-Discuss the possibility of cancelling the November 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Joel Nedow, Clerk