

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD ACTION #09

TO: County Clerk, County Treasurer
FROM: Alpena County Board of Commissioners
SUBJECT: **Resolution #24-06 Sunken Lake Park MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application**
BOARD ACTION:

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #24-06

Upon motion made by Commissioner LaHaie and seconded by Commissioner Lalonde, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners of Alpena, Michigan, does hereby approve the Parks Commission to complete and submit the Trust Fund Grant Application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Main Campgrounds Upgrade at Sunken Lake Park in the total amount of \$250,000 (\$187,500 State; \$62,500 Parks Match, and In-Kind), and that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide ADA compliance benefit to the community; and,
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of any grant awarded.
4. To regulate the use of any facilities constructed and reserved under these projects to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said grants including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

The following aye votes were recorded: Commissioners LaHaie, Lalonde, Peterson, Francisco, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski.

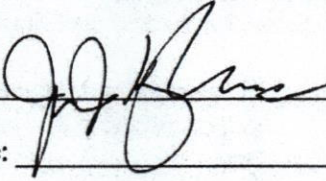
The following nay votes were recorded: None.

Commissioners Osmer and Fournier, excused.

Motion carried.

This action was XX APPROVED DISAPPROVED

BY: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Excused: 2 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

Alpena County Board Chairman's Signature:  _____

Alpena County Board Vice-Chairman's Signature: _____

Date of the Board Meeting: March 26, 2024



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ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #24-06

District #8
Chairman of the Board
John Kozlowski

Upon motion made by Commissioner LaHaie seconded by Commissioner Lalonde, the following resolution was adopted:

District #6
Vice-Chairman
Burt Francisco

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District #1
Commissioner
Bill LaHaie

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide ADA compliance benefit to the community; and,
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available for auditing at reasonable times.

District #2
Commissioner
Jesse Osmer

3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of any grant awarded.
4. To regulate the use of any facilities constructed and reserved under these projects to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.

District #3
Commissioner
Robin Lalonde

5. To comply with any and all terms of said grants including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

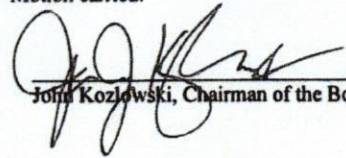
The following aye votes were recorded: Commissioners LaHaie, Lalonde, Peterson, Francisco, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski.

District #4
Commissioner
Bill Peterson

The following nay votes were recorded: None.

Commissioners Osmer and Fournier, excused. Motion carried.

District #5
Commissioner
Brenda Fournier


 John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

District #7
Commissioner
Travis Konarzewski

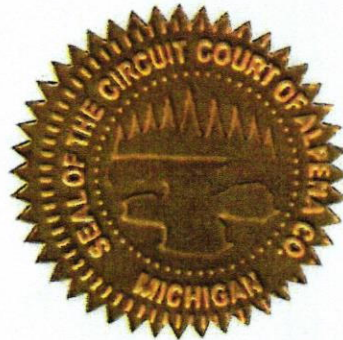
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
 County of Alpena)

I, Kimberly Schultz, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Alpena, the same of Court of Record and having a seal do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of the March 26, 2024 session and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Board Assistant
Lynn Bunting

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 26th day of March 2024.

Board Assistant
Kimberly MacArthur



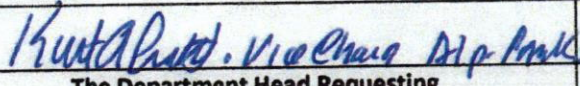

 Kimberly Schultz, Deputy County Clerk

HR Specialist
Jennifer Mathis

Contract / Leases / Agreements / Grants Form

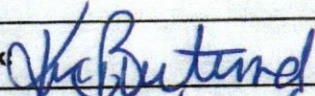
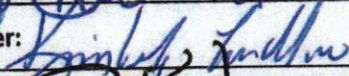

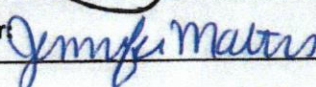
This is	New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewal		Filling this out on a computer? Please type an X into the appropriate box.
This is a Grant	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No		If you marked YES this needs to go through Grant Review.
This is an	Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____:				
Name of Entity who Contract / Lease / Agreement / Grant is with	MDNR Trust Grant				
Project Name	Sunken Lake Main Campgrounds Upgrade				
Attorney Review	All Contracts / Leases / Agreements / Grants must have Attorney Review and approval through the Commissioner's Office.				
Insurance Review	All Contracts / Leases / Agreements / Grants must have appropriate insurance coverage per the attached list. It is the Department Heads responsibility to make sure that all requirements are met and listed on the insurance certificate.				
Total Amount	\$ 250,000				
Organization Match	\$ (State \$187,500)				
County Match	\$ 62,500 w/ In-kind and CASH; Parks + Rec				

I have reviewed and approved this Contract / Lease / Agreement / Grant and attached appropriate insurance:

 The Department Head Requesting	3-15-24 Date Signed
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Kurt Prater, Vice Chair

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

County Clerk: 	Date Signed: 3-19-24	I am requesting a meeting
County Treasurer: 	Date Signed: 3-18-24	I am requesting a meeting
Finance Chairman: 	Date Signed: 3-25-24	I am requesting a meeting
County Administrator: 	Date Signed: 3/27/24	I am requesting a meeting

Please do NOT mark below this line

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Date Received:	Date Sent for Attorney Review:
Attorney Approval Received:	Insurance Received:

Sunken Lake Campground
Proposed 2024 DNR Recreation Grants
for Board Review and Approval to submit

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants:

1. Main Campground Upgrades

- **Guardrails/fenceposts on the left side of the driveway
\$5,000**
- **(2) new aluminum docks – 1 for the island and 1
additional for the main campground - \$30,000**
- **Enlargement and Upgrades to the current parking area -
\$20,000**
- **New signs and posts for each campsite, wayfinding signs
to trails, rustic and day-use areas - \$10,000**
- **Fixing the drainage issues on the hill to the main
campground, washing out every rainstorm. - \$15,000**
- **New electrical ran to new boxes for each site in the main
campground - \$100,000**
- **(1) fishing platform with ramp from shore to platform -
\$20,000**
- **Updates to Office – New windows, roof, insulation and
wallboard on walls, lighting inside and out, and cooling
system of some sort - \$50,000**

Total ask for this application = \$250,000

**Match of 25% with In-kind maintenance and manager work,
grant matching fund ask and \$ from the general fund =
\$62,500 total**



NOTICE OF INTENT FOR RECREATION GRANT PROJECTS

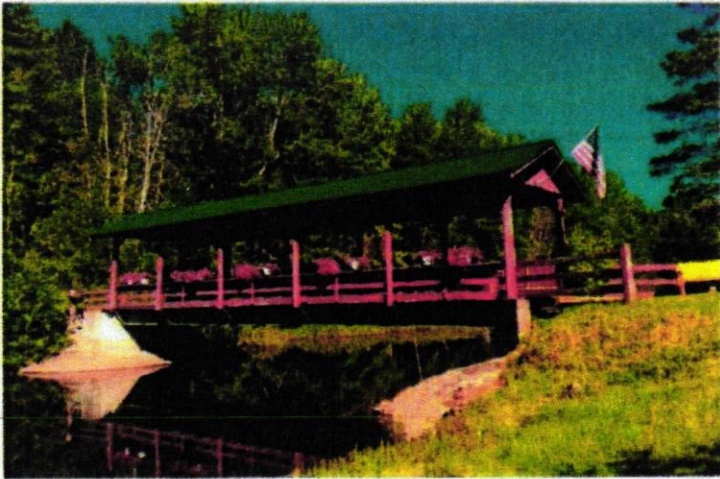
This information is requested by authority of Part 703, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, to be considered for a LWCF grant.

Name of Project Sunken Lake Park Main Campground Upgrades		Date 03/14/2024	County Alpena
Identity of the applicant agency, organization, or individual: Alpena County			
Indicate below the representative of the applicant to contact for additional information regarding this Notice:			
Name John Kowalski		Telephone Number (including area code) 989-354-9500	E-mail Address johnkozowski@alpenacounty.org
Address (Street/PO Box), City, State, ZIP Code 720 W Chisholm St, Suite 7, Alpena MI 49707			
Agency from which will be sought: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michigan Department of Natural Resources		Name of Program <input type="checkbox"/> Land and Water Conservation Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Trust Fund	
Estimated Federal Cost \$ 0	Estimated State Cost \$ 187,500	Estimated Other Cost \$ 62,500	Total Cost \$ 250,000
Estimated date by which time the applicant expects to formally file an application March 31, 2024			
Geographic location of the project to be assisted (indicate specific location as well as city or county. Attach map if necessary) Sunken Lake County Park (Alpena County owned) 14600 Fletcher Park Road Posen MI 49776 Presque Isle County			
Brief description of the proposed project. This will help the clearinghouse identify agencies of state or local government having plans, programs, or projects that might be affected by the proposed project: This grant would afford the campground to upgrade the current outdated power poles to each, have the ability to place 2 aluminum docks to provide access to the lake with a fishing platform for the enjoyment of campers and also day use users alike. In addition this grant would provide the means to upgrade the current gravel road into the main campground from the day use area that washes out each rain and makes traversing the steep hill with a camper difficult. To the left of the berm that was built many years ago there is a drop off of 30+ feet that we are asking to have guardrails placed for safety. In the campground there is a historic building being utilized as the campgrounds office/store, this building was build in the 30's by the CCC, we are asking to improve the building to preserve it for many years to come.			
Type of project Main Campground Improvements		General size of scale project Park is 160 acres with 55 upgraded and 14 rustic sites	
Purpose of project To improve the safety, functionality and enjoyment for all campers and day use users of the park			
Beneficiaries (persons or institutions benefited) All users of the campground - seasonals, day uses, weekenders, and with the new trails system-hikers, bikers and nature enthusiasts.			
Indicate the relationship of this project to plans, programs, and other activities of your agency and other agencies (attach separate sheet if necessary): This Project is included in the County's Recreational Plan and is intended to provide years of enjoyment of the park patrons and in conjunction with the trails, mystery valley and the Karst Group we hope it brings more knowledge of the beautiful natural beauty of the Sunrise Side.			



The Alpena County Parks & Recreation Commission approved the MDNR Trust Fund Grant Applications for Beaver Lake Park and for Sunken Lake Park at their board meeting on March 13, 2024, and prioritized them per application requirements, and will present to the Alpena County Board of Commissioners for approval at their Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the County Annex Building, 719 W. Chisholm Street, Howard Male Conference Room-3rd Floor, Alpena, MI 49707 and via Zoom.

You are invited to attend for Open Public Comment about these two grant applications and can view information about the Alpena County Beaver Lake Park MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Safety and Accessibility Improvements [here](#) and can view information about the Alpena County Sunken Lake Park MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Main Campground Upgrades [here](#).



Alpena County Sunken Lake Park
(989) 379-3055

Priority 2:

Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Sunken Lake Park Main Campgrounds Upgrade in the total amount of \$250,000 (\$187,500 State; \$62,500 Parks Match, and In-Kind) to upgrade the current campground outdated power poles, place 2 aluminum docks to provide access to the lake with a fishing platform, upgrade the current gravel road in to the main campground from the day use area, guardrails place for safety in an area left of the driveway and improve the office/store to preserve this building that was built in the 30's by the CCC.

Alpena County Sunken Lake Park is located at 14600 Fletcher Park Road, Posen, MI, 49776 in Presque Isle County, but owned by Alpena County.

The Narrative of Sunken Lake

Sunken Lake Park or what can be referred to as "The Sunrise Side's Wooded Paradise". Sunken Lake is located in western Alpena County in Michigan which is owned and maintained by the Alpena County Commissioners Office. Alpena County covers 1.695 square miles of Northeastern Michigan and has a population of 28,847 as of the 2022 Census. Like most of Northern Michigan, Sunken Lake has a glacial landscape due to Michigan's geological history. Most of Alpena County is covered with surface water such as rivers, lakes, and streams. Soft limestone impacts the land features due to how much water movement there is. At one time, Sunken Lake extended throughout this valley. During the summer, the lake would drain into the sinkhole west of Sunken Lake with unexplored caverns believed to underlie this area. There is lore that claims that the water flowed through an underground stream to Lake Huron. A large logging camp thrived here on the virgin White Pine, Norway Pine, Hemlock, and Cedar trees. Just south of the swings in the picnic area, is the remnants of the old "Tote Road". Here stood horse, barns, and the "Elephant Hall" which was the lumberman's camp.

In 1900, the dam was built to divert water into the north branch of the Thunder Bay River. This helped the "River Driver" to float the logs to the Alpena Saw Mills which build items such as: square timber, cedar and pine shingles, spools, lath, etc..

This area of Alpena and Presque Isle counties is immediately underlain by a thick sequence of Devonian limestones and some shales, called the Traverse Group. They are deposited in an inland sea some 360 to 420 million years ago. At Mystery Valley the bedrock is the Alpena Limestone Formation, in the upper part of the Traverse Group. Approximately 800 feet below Mystery Valley, and below the Traverse Group, is the older Detroit River Group. It includes limestones, shales, and considerable evaporites – anhydrite and gypsum. These two dissolve in water much more readily than limestone. Water circulating at depth is removing these minerals to Lake Huron. They have been totally removed further north by ground water flowing through the rock toward the Great Lakes. Mystery Valley and the basin of Sunken Lake to the east were created by collapse of Traverse Group rocks into the cavities formed by the dissolving of Detroit River Group evaporites, probably nine to ten thousand years ago, as the glaciers retreated from the area.

Route, starting in Standish, MI, to the Mackinaw Bridge. This Heritage Route covers over 200 miles of road.

Sunken Lake provides camping and recreational opportunities to the residents of Alpena County and tourism to the area. We provide a warm welcome that includes camping, a boat launch, and day use areas for anyone who would like to visit one of our three parks. We also have an additional feature by having a drive-up day use area at Manning Hill. In 2023, we crossed paths and served 12,980 participants and campers. We predominantly serve Alpena County residents. Our camp records indicate that our current campers are from Alpena County and close surrounding areas. With promotion and advertising of the new activities available to our camping residents and visitors, We are hoping to bring more people to our beautiful parks. We are constantly looking to improve the user experience and help connect people to the outdoors.



Northeast Michigan Council of Governments

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REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FINAL REVIEW AND COMMENT

March 25, 2024

Lynn Bunning, Board Assistant
Alpena County
720 W. Chisholm St., Suite 7
Alpena, MI 49707

Dear Lynn.

This letter constitutes the Final Review by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) in regard to the below named project notification submitted by your governmental unit or agency. Also included are the comments, if any, returned to NEMCOG by the governmental units or those agencies which represent interests relative to your project application. These attachments should be included in your final application package when it is submitted to the funding agency.

Regional Clearinghouse Project Identification Number: 240315.01

Federal Funding Agency/Federal Program: MDNR

Project Title: Sunken Lake Park Main Campground Upgrades

Date Received by NEMCOG: 3/15/2024

Project Cost: \$250,000

NEMCOG FINAL REVIEW COMMENTS:

The review period has concluded and no issues of concern have been raised with regard to your proposal. The Region 9 Clearinghouse fully supports this proposal and recommends it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Baum".

Douglas Baum
Executive Director
DB/th

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Since
1968

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