

IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY

2023 year in review

IOHRA BOARD:

Don Britton, Chair, Chocolay

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Bob Hendrickson, Negaunee January - June;

Jon Becker - Negaunee, July-December

Nick Leach, Marquette

Mike Springer, Alternative, Marquette Township

Staff: Carol Fulsher, Bob Hendrickson



BIG NEWS!



Hired a New Administrator

Bob Hendrickson has begun his tenure in July as the 2nd Administrator after Carol Fulsher announced her retirement



MDARD Grant

With a \$56,000 MDARD grant, we were able to build capacity in maintenance by purchasing a truck, a trailer, and a tractor



Refreshed bike aggregate

Added two miles of new bike path aggregate between Smith Paving and 492/35 Neg. Twp



Major ORV Repairs

Big spring runoff culvert collapse repaired. Bridge collapse followed and repaired. Brought in \$113K in ORV funds for these and other ORV projects

MORE NEWS



Boardwalk Work Begun

Hired Engineer (Bill Sanders), EGLE Permitting, Bid Docs Developed, 2 interpretive signs designed



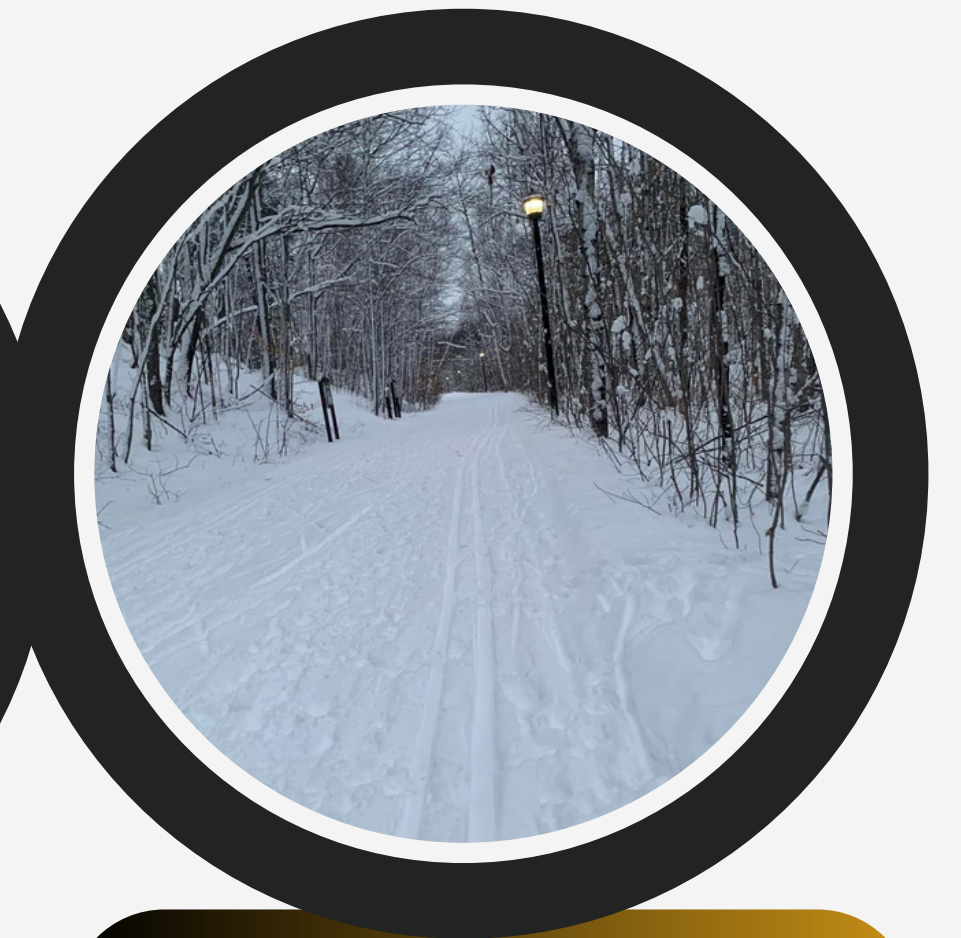
Lakenenland Trust Fund Grant Signed

Signed, \$300K Trust Fund, Also successful in \$10K KBIC, \$20K Sault Tribe Grants, Hired Engineering Firm, Coleman Engineering



Acquisition Grant Signed

Signed Trust Fund Grant for \$150,700 for acquisition of 176 acres in Negaunee and Marquette Townships accessible from IOHT ESA I, Title Work and Appraisal Work Completed



Submitted Rec Passport & Trust Fund grant applications

for trail lighting and trailhead improvements in Ishpeming

Maintenance



**Carp River Kiln weed removal
and new native plantings
after new maintenance
agreement signed**



**Fixed major culvert
washout along with bridge
replacement in Humboldt
Township repaired with
ORV funding**



**Redecked Section 16 Fishing
Dock and fixed split rail
fence in Ishpeming**

Maintenance



Negaunee Mine Memorial new anti graffiti artwork and rearrangement of signage for easier access



Culvert and trail repair, Tilden



New equipment, more mowing, & brushing

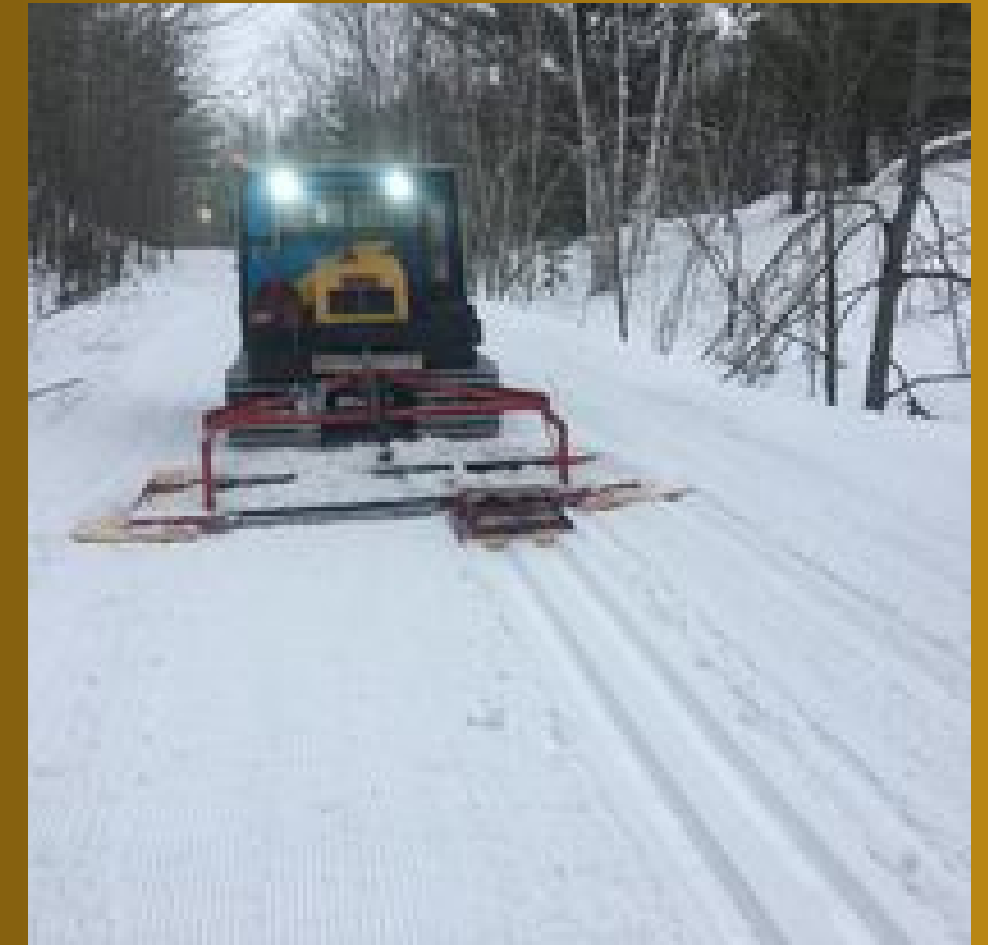
Maintenance



Using new tractor to fix low spot



**Tree clearing after major spring storms & major brushing effort between Ishpeming and Negaunee.
Carp River clean up of large logs at bridge site, Negaunee**



Contracted with Ishpeming Ski Club to groom xc ski trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee



Other Operational Work



Submitted 2023
Recreation Plan created
in-house allowing us to
apply for State grants

Outreach to Humboldt and Ely
Townships for membership

Republic Township millage
renewal - millage failed and
Republic looking for 2024 vote

Trail Sustainability Committee work,
Travel Marquette Leave No Trace
Committee work, Michigan DNR Non-
motorized Trail Advisory Committee

ORV extension work, Met with CN
Railroad and MDOT Safety on
shared crossing, met with EGLE for
possible permit in Negaunee wetlands area

Other Operational Work

Manage Event permits: Polar Roll,
Iron Range Roll, The Crusher,
Yankee Doodle Run, MQT Marathon,
IshpeTurkey Trot, Suff Your Mutt,
Marji Gesick

Manage Adopt a Mile organizations

Municipal & Local Media Outreach
& by new Administrator



2024 PLANS

- **Purchase Koski Trust Land, 176 acres in Marquette & Negaunee Townships**
- **Trailhead development: Winthrop in Ishpeming, Expanded Stoneville Road, Tilden, and Lakenenland, Chocolay**
- **Lakenenland Extension Begins**
- **Boardwalk Development, Negaunee**
- **Work with the Michigan DNR on ORV Corridor east of Negaunee**
- **Membership Expansion Millage Elections, November 2024**



Lakenenland 5-mile Extension



Negaunee Boardwalk



Acquisition 176 acres