

Appendix C—Planning Team Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Planning Team held three on-site team meetings and three virtual meetings. These meetings were critical to the development of the General Management Plan and particularly the creation of the 20-Year Management Zones and the 10-Year Action Goals. Additionally, the meetings were an opportunity to review input received from stakeholders and the public.

Overview of Planning Team Meetings

Team Meeting #1 Tahquamenon Falls State Park (August 18-19, 2015) – The Planning Team’s kick-off meeting was an opportunity for Planning Team members to introduce themselves to one another, review the General Management Plan schedule, receive an overview and tour of Tahquamenon Falls, discuss the park and its significance features, review the resource maps, and review the Supporting Analysis.

Team Meeting #2 Tahquamenon Falls State Park (September 23, 2015) –The Planning Team met and began discussion with the supporting analysis and potential stakeholders to include for the future open house. They also suggested questions for the public input survey. The Planning Team worked together in drafting the park’s Management Zones and began brainstorming 10-year action goals for the park.

Team Meeting #3 Tahquamenon Falls State Park (October 20, 2015) – The Planning Team met and reviewed the Draft Statements of Significance, Draft Management Zone Map, and Draft Action Goals. The Planning Team also finalized revisions to the online survey and the stakeholder list.

Team Meeting #4, Go-To-Meeting (January 22, 2016) – The Planning Team reviewed the input received from the stakeholder meeting and the online survey. The Team refined and made additions to the Draft Action Goals, taking into account the stakeholder and public input received. Discussion of the upcoming Public Open House occurred, including date and location options.

Team Meeting #5, Go-To-Meeting (March 3, 2016) – The Planning Team met and reviewed updates the maps, action goals, and GMP. The Management Zone and Amenities maps were discussed with revisions. The Action Goals were reviewed and confirmed project input and responsible parties. The Team discussed the internal review process and the format for the upcoming Open House.

Team Meeting #6, Go-To-Meeting (June 14, 2016) – The Planning Team met and discussed the input received from the Public Input Open House, and how those topics could be reflected in the plan. Minor revisions to the Action Goals and maps were made. The Team received an overview of the final steps in the process, as well as projected timeline.

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Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #1 (Kick-Off Meeting) Day
1: August 18th from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Day
2: August 19th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters
41382 W M 123
Paradise, MI 49768**

Day 1: August 18, 2015

SUMMARY

Attendees: Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Kevin Dennis (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Jon Spieles (Interpretive Manager), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (Geologist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Dave Birchler and Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning)

1. Introductions and Review of Agenda. The Team introduced themselves and verified contact information on the roster.
2. Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Plan Schedule was presented by D. Birchler.
3. Overview of Management Planning Process was presented by D. Jensen. The Team reviewed the process and management zone descriptions. She encouraged the Team to provide input in their area of expertise on the supporting analysis.
4. Tahquamenon Falls State Park Overview was presented by C. Krepps. Following is the information presented during the slide show along with comments from the Team.

General:

- Tahquamenon Falls State Park was established in 1947
- The park is located in Luce and Chippewa Counties, with Paradise to the east and Newberry approximately 21 miles to the west.
- The park has 34 full and part-time/seasonal employees.
- The 48,169 acre State Park is open year round.
- 38 Miles of Hiking Trails. The trails are mostly linear and there are no designated bike trails within the park. The North Country Trail runs through the park including a connection from the Lower to Upper Falls.
- 13 Inland Lakes and 24 Miles of Tahquamenon River
- 90% undeveloped wilderness area and wetlands. It was suggested that there may be closer to 98%-99% of the land area undeveloped. *K. Cheli suggested reviewing and refining the quantity of undeveloped land reported.*

- T. Neal provided some additional information on the visitor attendance, employment levels, and history of infrastructure improvements. It was suggested that some of this information could be included in the Park Statistic section of the Supporting Analysis.

Park Facilities:

- Campgrounds – Campsites include 241 modern, 36 rustic, 3 back country and an organizational campground. The modern campsites are available from the second week of May to mid-October.
- Lodging/Cabins – The Pine Camper Cabin is located between the modern and rustic campgrounds at the Rivermouth and Tahquamenon Lodge with two units (one unit completed and another under renovation) is located between the Upper and Lower Falls across from the park headquarters. Tahquamenon Lodge and Pines Camper Cabins are available year-round and accessible.
- Day Use Areas – There are two day use areas: Upper Falls and Lower Falls. The Upper Falls Day Use Area is open year round.
- Picnic Areas – The Whitefish Bay picnic area is located at the easterly boundary of the park; this is in addition to the picnic areas located within the day use areas. Picnic areas within the day use areas are accessible.
- Boat Launch – The River Boat Launch is located at the east boundary of the park at the mouth of the Tahquamenon River and White Fish Bay of Lake Superior.
- Accessible Facilities – The Park has several accessible facilities including the walkways between the Upper and Lower Falls, Tahquamenon Lodge and the Pine Camper Cabin, Day Use Area picnic tables/area, bathrooms (4 modern buildings), and campsites. The Park also offers wheelchairs for use at the Upper and Lower Falls.

Trails:

- Tahquamenon State Park includes 38 miles of hiking trails, cross-country skiing trails, snowmobile trails. There are no designated bike trails within the Park, although that is a frequent question by visitors. The 38 miles of hiking trails include the following:
 - Emerson Trail
 - Giant Pines Loop
 - Wilderness Loop
 - Clark Lake Loop
 - River Trail – the most popular trail within the park
 - Upper and Lower Falls walkways are ADA compliant
 - Rivermouth, linear trail

Managed Facilities:

- Concession/Lease Contracts include the following:
 - Toonerville Trolley - the longest narrow-gauge railway in the State. The trolley company leases the property from the park – this was the original method of transportation to the fall – established in 1926.

- Tahquamenon Treasures
- Retail Clothing
- Tahquamenon Wildlife prints
- Tahquamenon Trekker
- Firewood
- Archery Range
- Stables Picnic Area
- State Forest Campgrounds (6 campgrounds)
- Whitefish and Little Lake Harbors
- Eckerman Pond BAS
- Paradise Pathways

Recreational Activities:

- Tahquamenon State Park is a popular year round destination. Some of the more popular activities include:
 - Fishing/Hunting
 - Bird Watching
 - Sightseeing – the Upper and Lower Falls are a popular destination for sightseeing
 - Visiting the brew pub/restaurant
 - Photography
 - Canoe/Kayaking
 - Camping
 - Picnicking
 - Swimming
 - Hiking
 - Geocaching
 - Cross Country Skiing – The Pines
 - Snowmobiling

Events:

- Trail, Snowshoe, and Canoe Races
- Hikes and interpretive programs
- Harvest Festival
- Maple Sugaring Day

Infrastructure:

- 17 major buildings
- 6 electrical systems
- 5 lift stations, with 3 lagoon systems
- 4 water systems with well houses

- ADA walkways at the Upper and Lower Falls
- Stairways at Gorge and Brink (Upper Falls)
- Fact Shack (Upper Falls). It was noted that the Park Interpreter may have up to 200 contacts per hour at the Fact Shack.
- 20 Vault toilets
- Road System and parking areas (Highway 123 runs through the park. Gravel roads provide internal access to more remote areas)
- ADA improvements. The Park has been responsive to maintaining accessibility through repairs and replacement of facilities.

Ecosystems Natural Communities:

- Tahquamenon State Park is rich in natural communities with over 90 percent of the park being undeveloped. Natural communities include:
 - Submergent and Emergent Marshes
 - Intermittent Wetland
 - Northern, Patterned, and Poor Fen communities
 - Bogs
 - Muskegs
 - Conifer and Southern Swamps
 - Mesic, Dry Mesic Northern, and Boreal Forests
 - Pine Barrens

Rare Plant and Wildlife Inventory:

- There are 20 occurrences of targeted rare plant species:
 - Calypso orchid
 - Panicked screw-stem
 - American ginseng
 - Wiegand's sedge
- There are 12 known occurrences of rare wildlife species:
 - Spruce grouse
 - Northern goshawk
 - American bittern
 - Incurvate emerald Dragonfly

Stewardship Concerns:

- Invasive species
 - Garlic Mustard
 - Loosestrife
 - Beech Bark Disease
 - Asian Longhorn
 - Woolly Adelgid

- Spotted Knapweed
- Historic/Archeological Sites – A comment was made that there were no known historic structures within the park, but there are a number of known archeological sites.
- Increased use in sensitive/protected areas
- Rivermouth erosion
- Unmanaged lands
- Forest health issues

Stewardship Activities:

- Purple loosestrife control at Rivermouth
- Garlic mustard removal in campgrounds
- Wooden walkways and bridges in sensitive areas
- Boot brushes
- Visitor education and signage
- ORV controls with gates and berms
- Core member of Eastern Upper Peninsula **Cooperative Weed Management Area** (EUPCWMA)
- Use of Green Chemicals
- Recycling programs

The following items were noted by C. Krepps as issues to consider during the planning process:

- Most of the park is un-managed lands, and access is limited. Wildlife, fisheries, forestry?
- Betsy Lake Natural Area – Proposed not dedicated.
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act – Federal oversight.
- Interpretation/programs are in high demand, but there is no interpretive center.
- Walkway design, currently mostly linear. Limits recreational experience, creates congestion!
- No major improvements since CMI – 15 yrs. Improvements planned FY16
- At capacity July and August. Shoulder Seasons are non-existent.
 - Busiest day at Upper Falls is Oct. 2nd
 - 120,509 Upper Falls Visitors in July 2015
 - 445,022 park visitor from 10/1/14 - 8/17/15
- 17,000 non-resident recreation passports sold in FY 14.
- We turn away 500 individuals per year for reservations of 4 night or longer at the Lodge.
- Camper cabin in high demand -- 100% occupancy June thru October.
- #1 phone question is “How do I get to the falls?” and #2 is “How far is the walk to the falls?”
- Current limitations of local businesses to provide basic amenities.
- Difficulties in staffing due to remote location.
- NCT travels through the Park, and is mostly un-improved. Focus of Iron/Belle Trail.

The Team discussed the boundary designation of the Natural Area. There is not definitive marker used to delineate the boundary. Currently, the snowmobile trail is being used to identify the boundary. *The Team reviewed a map of the Natural Area. R. Fahlsing will review and confirm the Natural Area boundaries.*

Under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, the Tahquamenon River mainstem is proposed for designation. The Team discussed the Act and how it may impact planning. It was noted that the regulated land was generally that which you can see from the center of the river. The Team suggested that the regulatory provisions be incorporated into the GMP planning process/document.

5. Significant Features Exercise. The Planning Team was asked to provide specific features or aspects of Tahquamenon Falls State Park that are significant and/or unique. This input will be used to build draft Statements of Significance for discussion at the next Team meeting.
6. Supporting Analysis and Resource Maps Review. The Team recommended edits to various sections of the Supporting Analysis. The Team will research and or provide the following for the Supporting Analysis:
 - *R. Fahlsing – Work on boundary designation of Natural Areas*
 - *L. Gamero - Archaeological Sites (provided at meeting)*
 - *K. Cheli – Draft plans for bridge to island*
 - *K. Cheli – Review and refine area of undeveloped land*
 - *T. Neal – Additional history and use statistics (provided at meeting)*
 - *T. Neal – Changes to Interpretive section (sent via email)*
 - *M. Stirling – Add Natural Rivers Act information to Legal Mandates (A.6)*
 - *M. Stirling – Add Wild & Scenic River information – US Forest Service*
 - *M. Stirling – Add North Country Trail write-up to Recreational Resources (Regional)*

Fact Check the following:

- *Designation as “Newberry Unit” of the Lake Superior State Forest (p 3)*
- *The table of campgrounds should show only those impacting Tahquamenon Falls and portages on lakes added (p 22)*
- General edits provided by D. Jensen and L. Gamero at the meeting
- Validity of leases

7. Schedule Team Meeting #2 and #3. The Team discussed the proposed meeting schedule. The meetings are tentatively scheduled from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on September 24, 2015 and October 20, 2015. There was a brief discussion about holding the stakeholder focus group on October 22, 2015, following Team Meeting #3.

Day 2: August 19, 2015

SUMMARY

Attendees: Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Kevin Dennis (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (Geologist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Dave Birchler and Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning)

1. Park Tour – The Team met at Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters and toured the park’s many amenities, including the campgrounds, day use areas, trails, natural areas and Upper and Lower Falls.
2. Tour Debrief – The Team discussed some of the amenities and issues and concerns related to the park, including the boundary of the Natural Areas.

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**Planning Meeting #2
Thursday, September 23rd from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters
41382 W M-123 Paradise, MI 49768**

SUMMARY

Attendees: Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Craig Krepps (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Paul Gaberdiel (Trail Specialist), Cory Kovacs (Fisheries Biologist), Jason Tokar (Forester), Dave Birchler, Mardy Stirling, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Kick-off Meeting Summary. The Team reviewed and made minor corrections to the summary from the kick off meeting.
2. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the first draft of the Statements of Significance, which was created from the input provided during the brainstorming session at the kick off meeting. The Team reworked the draft to narrow the focus of the statements. Additional sections were added, including separating the falls from water resources, cultural significance, and the park's tourism impact on the region.
3. Draft Management Zone Activity. The Planning Team identified zones based on the Parks and Recreation Management Zone descriptions, on an aerial map. Based on information provided from current park records and team member input, the drafting exercise emphasized the substantial scale of undeveloped land within the park. The team identified activities popular within certain areas of the park during the activity.
4. Review Resource Maps. The Planning Team reviewed the resource maps and recommended revisions. This included the addition of other regional recreational resources to the maps, clarifications of roads and trails, among others.
5. Review Stakeholders List and Focus Group. The Team provided input on what community members should be added to the master stakeholder list, which included municipalities, nature groups, and recreational associations among others. Clearzoning walked the Team through the process of a typical focus group session, including what questions are asked to stakeholders.
6. Action Goals. The Team brainstormed on what they would like to see or address at the Park, considering issues currently affecting the park, as well as long-term goals.
7. Public Input Survey. The Planning Team was asked to consider what questions may be unique to the park when drafting the public input survey. Some recommendations included:
 - Adequacy of signage and wayfinding to and from the park, as well as inside
 - Do visitors visit other destinations in the area?
 - Fishing within the park

- Are visitors satisfied with their nature experience, considering Tahquamenon Falls is a typically popular and busy park?
 - Do visitors utilize the park in the winter?
 - Visitor's interpretive program experience
 - Do visitors participate in many of the park's events?
 - Do visitors go to the island?
 - What specific areas of the park do visitors explore?
 - International visitor experience
 - How do visitors learn about the park?
 - Camping experience and accommodations
 - Visitors' take on local community services and accommodations outside of the park
8. Supporting Analysis. The team reviewed the Supporting Analysis. Corrections and clarification on sections were provided. Additional information was recommended in certain sections, as well as the elimination of information that was found to be irrelevant to the park.
 9. The Team scheduled Team Meeting #3 for the following month. Discussion on the stakeholder meeting took place, including the potential date and venue.

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Planning Meeting #3
Tuesday, October 20th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters
41382 W M-123 Paradise, MI 49768

SUMMARY

Attendees: Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Craig Krepps (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Paul Gaberdiel (Trail Specialist), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Peter Rose (Geologist), Mardy Stirling, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Meeting #2 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the second meeting.
2. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the second draft of the Statements of Significance. The Team made revisions designed to provide added focus to each statement. Additional input will be needed from other team members. Modifications included:
 - a. Reworking the Waterfalls statement for a better description of the Upper and Lower Falls.
 - b. Lake Superior Shoreline statement language modified.
 - c. Recreation Opportunities statement updated to better portray activities in the park.
 - d. Tourism statement updated to encompass other features that draws users to the park.
3. Draft Management Zone Activity. The Planning team reviewed the first draft of the management zones. Modifications to the map were recommended for accuracy, as well as the addition of other zones to better reflect present and future activities in these areas.
4. Review Resource Maps. The draft resource maps were reviewed and minor revisions, specifically for trail accuracy and symbology corrections.
5. Action Goals. The Team reviewed the first draft of the action goals, assigning them to appropriate zones, providing revisions, and recommending additional goals for the park, including:
 - a. Complete renovations for Lodge #2.
 - b. Improve kayak/canoe launching opportunities.
 - c. Improve trail signage.
6. Supporting Analysis. The updated draft of the Supporting Analysis was reviewed, additional input was provided, and corrections made as needed, including clarifications on park activities, programs, regional amenities and attractions, and verified figures. Additional contributions were assigned to team members and are expected to be completed and submitted in time for the next draft review.

7. Public Online Survey Review. The draft survey was reviewed and revisions were made to better capture information useful to the park. The team plans to finalize and release the survey within the next few weeks.
8. Stakeholder Meeting Overview. Clearzoning walked the planning team through the agenda and process of the stakeholder meeting. The team reviewed the list of confirmed attendees, and agreed to do a final-round of outreach to stakeholders who had not yet responded if they would attend.

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Planning Meeting #4
Friday, January 22nd, 2016
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Go-To-Meeting

SUMMARY

Attendees: Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Paul Gaberdiel (Trail Specialist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Cory Kovacs (Fisheries Biologist), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Jon Spieles (Interpretive Manager), Dave Birchler, Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Meeting #3 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the third meeting.
2. Review of the Stakeholder Input Summary. The Stakeholder Focus Group summary was reviewed and accepted. The team discussed some of the stakeholder comments, including interesting points between the public survey input and the stakeholder input.
3. Review Survey Results and Summary. The Planning Team reviewed the survey results in light of the Stakeholder Input Summary. Comments on the results were made, including any correlations with the Statements of Significance. Suggestions to provide clarification of certain results were made, as well as further information regarding outreach method and response statistics.
 - *Clearzoning to add survey outreach and response statistics in intro, elaborate on boat rentals response, address lack of local survey participants in fishing/hunting section, and review open ended comments.*
4. Final Statements of Significance. The third draft of the Statements of Significance was reviewed and revisions were made to better represent park highlights.
 - *R. Fahlsing to review Natural Land Experience and Lake Superior Shoreline and provide input.*
5. Draft Management Zone Map Review. The Team reviewed the third draft of the Management Zone Map. Members questioned if inholdings should be zoned, and ultimately decided to zone inholdings unless there are no future plans for park use in those areas. The reasons behind this should be described in the plan text. The Team suggested that the backcountry campsites be modified to avoid confusion and recorded using a camping symbol in the Primitive and Backcountry Zones. Zoning in the Water Tank Lakes area to be modified to better represent the overlook area. The Visitor Services Zone needed correction, as well as Timber Lost Road. An enlargement of the zoning at the Upper and Lower Falls and the Lakeshore Area was requested for clarity.
 - *Clearzoning to revise map and make changes and corrections as discussed.*

6. Action Goals Review. The second draft of the action goals was updated. Goals involving specified phased work were further divided into individual goals, and others were given additional details.
 - *R. Fahlsing to provide input on NRC action in the General Action Goals*
 - *Clearzoning to draft Program Input, Responsible Program Positions, and assignment of subcategories for input by D. Jensen, then full team review*
7. Public Input Open House/Venue. Discussion of the next steps in the park's GMP process occurred. The public input open house is anticipated to occur in May/June. C. Krepps supported hosting the public input meeting in Paradise, with a venue in mind. Further action will be taken as a date is finalized.

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**Planning Meeting #5
Wednesday, March 3rd, 2016
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Go-To-Meeting**

SUMMARY

Attendees: Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Jon Spieles (Interpretive Manager), Dave Birchler, Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Meeting #4 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the third meeting.
2. Review of the Management Zone Map and Amenities Map. The Planning Team reviewed the maps and found several items that needed to be updated and modified for clarification and visual ease. These changes included:
 - Defining the visibility of the Scenic Corridor along the Tahquamenon River in conjunction with the Wild & Scenic Rivers
 - Defining the width of the snowmobile corridor
 - Rivermouth Amenities Map
 - Replace Cultural Overlay with notation for visual ease
 - Revert back to Scenic Overlay
 - Revise campgrounds zoning, and zoning southeast of the road
 - Double check icons and their locations
 - Make the road more visible
 - Revise legend
 - Investigate small areas remaining unzoned
 - Lower Falls Amenities Map
 - Replace Cultural Overlay with notation for visual ease
 - Revise zoning of the Island
 - Replace Scenic Zone with Overlay around the Water Tank Lakes area
 - Apply additional overlooks
 - Upper Falls
 - Review the inholding for the brewpub
 - Revise snowmobile corridor
3. Review of the Draft GMP. The Team reviewed and suggested edits to the Draft General Management Plan, including updated zoning descriptions for improved explanation. The Team had further discussion into the history of the Proposed Project Boundary for this park. It was decided that further investigation into boundary decisions should be done before completing this section. The team discussed some of

the stakeholder comments, including interesting points between the public survey input and the stakeholder input.

4. Action Goals Review. The third draft of the action goals was updated. The Team reviewed and revised the suggested Program Input Positions and Responsible Program Positions.
5. Supporting Analysis Review. The Team briefly discussed the Supporting Analysis. It was encouraged for members to review the document and send any revisions or suggestions to Clearzoning for implementation.
6. Public Input Open House/Venue. Discussion of the next steps in the park's GMP process occurred. The date and venue for the Public Input Open House was finalized.

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**Planning Meeting #6
Tuesday, June 14th, 2016
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Go-To-Meeting**

SUMMARY

Attendees: Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (Geologist), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Cory Kovacs (Fisheries Biologist), Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster).

7. Review of the Meeting #5 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the fifth meeting.
8. Review of comments received at the May 18, 2016 Public Input Open House, website, emails, and the U.S. Department Of Interior (DOI). The Team was asked if any modifications to the Draft General Management Plan (GMP) would be necessary based on the feedback received. Comments received in a DOI letter dated May 17, 2016 regarding the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) were addressed accordingly in the GMP.
9. The Management Zone Maps were modified based on comments received by the Team and comments regarding the NCNST in the DOI letter. Following items to modify:
 - Modify erroneous vault toilet locations
 - Add maintenance garage
 - Add trails to legend and categorize NCNST with separate legend/symbol
 - Correct Whitefish Point label with M 123
 - Add registration station
 - Add trail and label archery range that is erroneously shown as lake
 - Correct zone color coding on island for lower falls
 - Add missing camp site to overall management zone map
 - Obtain in holding for brew pub and add fact shack to legend
10. The 10-Year Action Goals were reviewed by the Team. Minor modifications were made to the list and finalized.
 - Under NRR Management Zone, add action goal to implement phased development of island access improvements
 - Remove language from action goal in Backcountry Management Zone under recreational opportunities which discusses NCT being a segment within a loop trail
 - Under Scenic Overlay, added action goal to continue to recognize the compelling natural and scenic view shed along the Tahquamenon River and Lake Superior shoreline

11. Review of the Draft GMP by the Team had minor revisions to the document including removal of Statement of Significance highlights and consistent terminology and national significance for the NCNST. Minor additions to the natural land experience were also made during review of the Statement of Significance.
12. The Team was provided an overview of the remaining timeline and milestones for the GMP approval process. The final draft of the GMP would be reviewed by D. Jensen in August in order to be submitted for internal reviews and approval at the State Park Advisory Committee October 2016 meeting.