

The mission of Lake Antoine Park Partners-Dickinson County, Michigan is to preserve, improve, promote and protect Lake Antoine Park in Dickinson County, Michigan, for the use and benefit of the general public. Lake Antoine Park Partners is a 501(c)3 Organization.

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IRON MOUNTAIN - The annual expiration of Lake Antoine Park Partners (LAPP) board seats means vacancies need to be filled. LAPP is a volunteer non-partisan, non-profit organization with a mission to preserve, improve, promote and protect Lake Antoine Park in Dickinson County, Michigan, for the use and benefit of the general public.

"Our nine-member, all-volunteer board is comprised of seven community leaders who value the Park and want to make it a better place, and two County Commissioners who share that vision," said president Allison Lucier.

"We engage in fundraising activities to assist Dickinson County to meet the required financial match for grant dollars awarded, so that improvements can be made to the Park," said current treasurer Ann Hruska. "We also promote to increase its use by community members, and to help it become a self-sustaining entity."

"The full board meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss ongoing projects and to review new topics brought to us," said Lucier. "The public is always welcome to attend our meetings."

LAPP has its primary fundraiser as the annual Crafty Flea Market held after Labor Day in conjunction with The Daily News Newspapers in Education. Past projects at the park include the construction of the Wifi Café and the development of the beach, kayak launch and repairs to signs. Previous ideas created by LAPP and sponsored by local business donations include movies, a library program, a Fall Festival, "Light At The Lake" and hosting a winter kite flying event. Events and projects for 2023 are currently in the planning stages.

Four 3-year terms will be available starting in July 2023. Interested citizens will need to complete an application and send it to the LAPP nominating committee by May 15. Interviews will be conducted by the committee prior to its June 7 meeting.

Those names will be presented for approval by the Dickinson County Board prior to June 30.

The application information is found on this link <u>Welcome to Dickinson County, MI</u> (<u>dickinsoncountymi.gov</u>) The completed form should be addressed to Brian Bousley, Controller, and returned to the entrance desk at 705 S. Stephenson Ave., Iron Mountain MI. It can also be mailed to Lake Antoine Park Partners, c/o Dickinson County, PO Box 609, Iron Mountain MI 49801.