



October 28, 2019

Ms. Sue Ann Kopmeyer, Director
Isabella County Parks and Recreation
200 N. main St.
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Dear Ms. Kopmeyer,

On behalf of the Mid Michigan Cycling Club, we are respectfully requesting the use of a small portion of Deerfield Park on Saturday, December 1, 2018. We would like to host the third Annual Le Frost Cross Cyclocross Race. This year's race is dedicated to Michael Seaman who tragically lost his life when hit by a drunk driver while bicycling on River Road. As we have discussed, I am dropping off the paperwork and applications in a day or so. This information includes:

1. The application and related paperwork
2. The resolution once passed by County Commissioners assures one million dollars in coverage by USA Cycling
3. A letter explaining the goals of the Mid Michigan Cycling Club and purpose of Cyclocross race
4. We will meet with you to review the race course route.

The Mid Michigan Bicycling Club formed six years ago and promotes the sport of cycling and increased awareness of bicycling safety through community educational and informational campaigns.

Goals and objectives of Mid Michigan Cycling Club:

- We are now designated a501C3 corporation
- Promote bicycling as a healthy and fit activity for kids
- Promote bicycling as a family and community fun activity
- Develop bicycling safety education for local school systems
- Creating bicycle safety check stations throughout the year for K-12 students
- Host neighborhood bicycle cleaning and maintenance fairs
- Create scholarships for young riders to participate in races throughout the State of Michigan
- Coordinate all scheduled Cycling Club rides throughout the riding season including beginner, intermediate, and advanced rides
- Support local initiatives riding series to include charity rides to honor, support and bring awareness to our fallen cyclists such as Sean Stanton Community Slow Roll and the Michael Seaman Frosts Cross
- Have hosted the Annual Sean Stanton Memorial Community Slow Roll to support those families that have lost loved ones to bicycling deaths on the road.
- Support and align with the City of Mt. pleasant Walkable/Bikeable Community program.

We hope to use part of the Disc Golf Course and some areas by the beach and pond as our course. Last year this race brought 150 racers. This year we are again hosting the **State Championships for the third time**, which will bring additional racers to our county and park area. The racers come from all over the State and will be spending money for gas, food, possible hotel rooms and the racing fee of \$40.00. Because of this, I am respectfully requesting that park entrance fees be waived for this day for our racers and volunteers. Most of these racers are not

supported by a club or an educational institution and unlike many other sports racers must pay out of pocket for their own expenses.

We would also request that a barrier be placed at the gate Friday night like last year so only our set up crews can come in after hours.

In addition, we have secured volunteer teams who will help set up the course in the morning and assure a strong cleanup crew after the race to keep our park as pristine as possible. As you are aware from last year, we cleaned up after the race and it looked beautiful by 8:00 PM.

Volunteers would be in the park early in the morning between 6:30 and 7:00 AM to set up the race course with the race starting at approximately 9:00 AM. Racing will take place all day until approximately 4:00 PM at which time volunteer crews will pack everything up, haul out any trash and thoroughly restore the park to prerace conditions. As you know, we have previously hosted this race with no incident whatsoever. It was felt this year that Deerfield Park would serve as again an excellent venue and challenging course for our racers and we received wonderful and positive comments from racers about the venue last year.

Of course, Mid Michigan Cycling Club members and volunteers will follow any guidelines deemed necessary by the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Department. We will also be happy to work with other county agencies as needed as well at your recommendation.

Thank you for considering our application. It is imperative that if approved, the County Commissioners approve the resolution as soon as possible to assure insurance coverage is provided by November 30th. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or information. We are happy to comply with all county guidelines.

Thank you so much as always!

Lisa Hadden, President
Mid Michigan Cycling Club
Certified USA Cycling Official
Certified USA Cycling Race Director
Race Director for Le Tour de Mont Pleasant- seven years
Race Director for Le Frost Cross – three years
Race Director for the Sean Memorial Community Slow Roll-two years

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ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 19-11-01

The Michael Seaman Le Frost Cyclocross Race 2019 In Memorium

WHEREAS, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners is dedicated to providing quality community services to the area it serves; and

WHEREAS, community leadership and involvement through partnerships with community organizations is a crucial element in the accomplishment of that mission; and

WHEREAS, The Mid Michigan Cycling Club is hosting a community, county and state wide event entitled “The Michael Seaman Le Frost Cyclocross Race,” a Cyclocross bicycling event and State Championship Cross Race in Deerfield Park on November 30, 2019 and wishes to partner with the Isabella County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners wish to partner with the Mid Michigan Cycling Club to provide a positive economic impact in the county and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Isabella, (200 N. Main St, Mt Pleasant, MI), will be named as additional insured; and

WHEREAS, USA Cycling shall indemnify and keep its officers, Isabella County Commission Board Members and employees from all claims, suits, and judgments, through insurance coverage from USA Cycling,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Isabella County Board of Commissioners and the Mid Michigan Cycling Club are formally expressing their desire to work together and partner to host “The Michael Seaman Le Frost Cyclocross” bicycling event to be held on the 30th of November 2019.

George A. Green, Board Chairperson
Isabella County Board of Commissioners

Mindé B. Lux, County Clerk
Isabella County

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