

# GREATER MINNESOTA PARKS & TRAILS

## July ITV Membership Meeting

July 17, 2019

Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails



# Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Attendance
3. Consideration of Adding/Approving Items to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes- October 17, 2018
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Communications Update
7. Membership Committee Update
8. Legislative Report
9. Park Rx-Parks Prescriptions and Their Impact
10. Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails Update
11. Park Highlight
12. Next Meeting-Wednesday, October 9, 2019 (Annual Meeting)
13. Adjourn

# Agenda 5: Treasurer's Report

- Bank Balance June 18, 2019
  - \$53,498.09
- Deposits
  - None in June
- Payments
  - None in June
- Cash on Hand
  - \$780.00: Uncashed dues checks
- Bank Balance July 16, 2019
  - \$53,498.09

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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

### -Social Media

-Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/GreaterMNParksTrails>

-Twitter: <http://twitter.com/greatermnpt>

### -Communications Committee

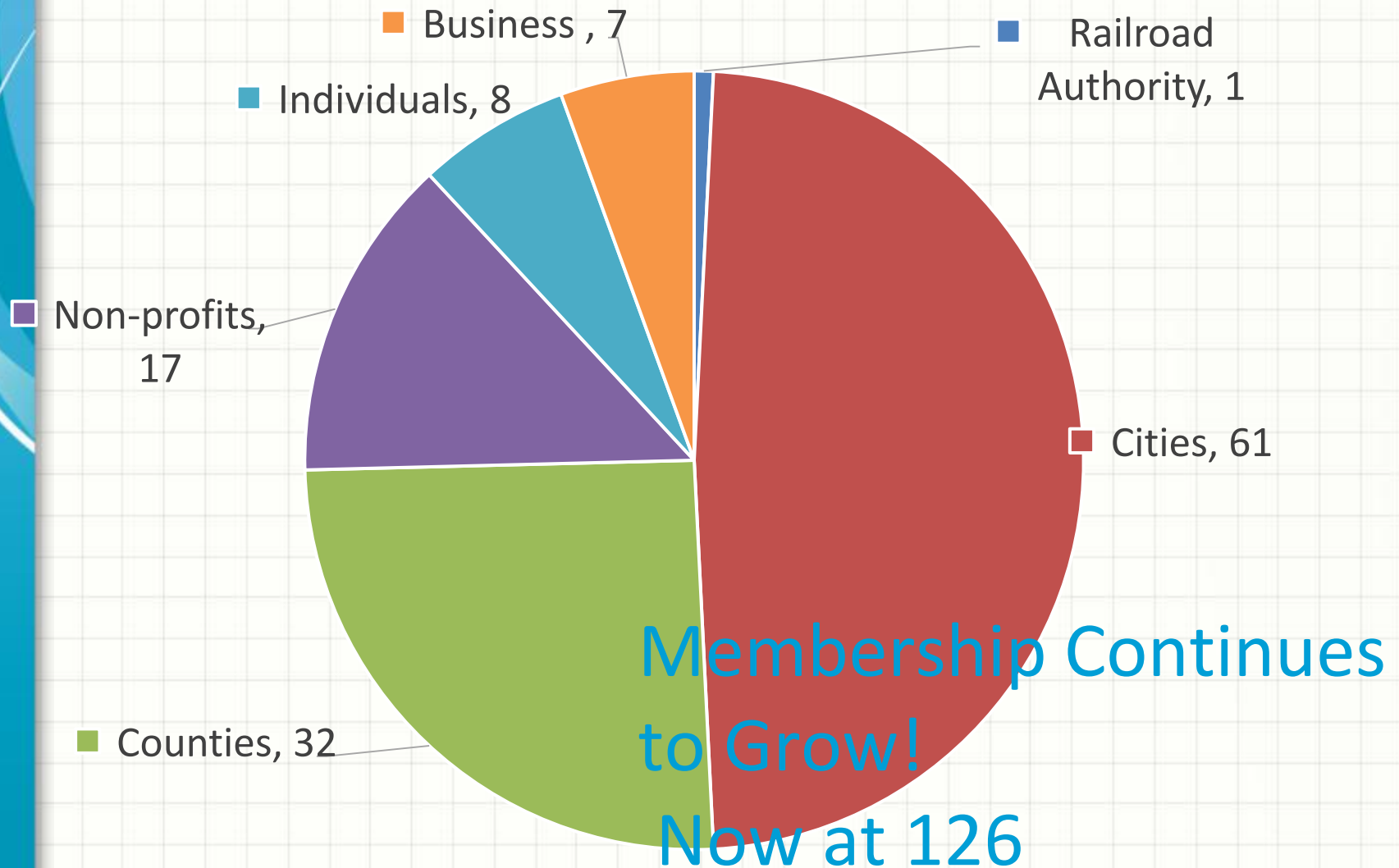
-If you are interested in helping with communications for the organization please contact Brad Harrington.

-Obligation would consist of monthly conference call, assistance with providing newsletter content and social media content.



# 7. Membership Committee Update

## Chair Steve Plaza, Fergus Falls





# Membership Committee update

- Want to help? Here's a few current targets
- LAPSED members: Aitkin County, Elk River, Jackson County, LaCrescent, Martin County, Cottonwood, White Earth Tribe
- County Targets: Blue Earth, Rice, Itasca, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Winona
- City Targets: Brainerd, Cokato, Ely, Grand Rapids, Montevideo, Sartell, St. Peter, Waseca, Windom
- Contact Steve Plaza or Elizabeth Wefel if you can help [greatermnparkstrails@gmail.com](mailto:greatermnparkstrails@gmail.com)

# Membership Committee update

- Membership committee welcomes new members
  - Second Monday of month, 10:00 AM
  - August 12, September 9, October 14
  - 651-259-1938 code 7346524
  - Email us to learn more  
[greatermnparkstrails@gmail.com](mailto:greatermnparkstrails@gmail.com)

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## Legislative Report

- New Governor from Greater Minnesota
- Suburban Dominated DFL controls House
- Greater MN GOP Controls Senate
- Divergent views on how to address budget impact session
  - House more willing to invest, but less interested in Greater MN specific programs
  - Senate less interested in new spending, more willing to support greater MN specific solutions



# GMPT Legislative agenda: Funding for Local Parks & Trails Grant Programs

- Legislative Citizens' Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
  - Recommendations included \$3 million for local trails connections, outdoor recreation and natural and scenic grant programs
  - Passed into law!
  - GMPT working with DNR on 2019 proposal
- General Fund - \$ 1 million for Local Trail Connections and Outdoor Recreation Grant Program

# GMPT Legislative Agenda:

## Commission Funding

- Advocated for funding commission out of general fund
- Legislation authored by Sen. Ruud and Rep. Sundin (SF999/HF868)
- Senate hearing, action alerts, multiple legislative meetings
- Suburban House chair not interested in helping Greater MN. Senate not interested in new spending
- Commission funded through Legacy

# GMPT Legislative: Legacy & NCLI

- Accomplished goal of preserving 40/40/20 split with no earmarks
- Blocked House language that would have made most grants impossible
- GMPT supported creation of new “No Child Left Inside” program to expose more kids to the outdoors

Check out the Legislative wrap-up for more details!

# Local Grant Programs Helping Members! 2019 Recipients

## **Outdoor Recreation**

- City of Aitkin
- Austin
- Princeton
- North Mankato
- Duluth
- Sherburne County
- Oronoco

## **Local Connections**

- Cannon Falls (Cannon Valley Trail member)
- Luverne
- Red Wing
- Sherburne County

## **Regional Trail Program**

- Duluth
- Mankato
- Red Wing

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## **PARK RX-PARK PRESCRIPTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT**





# Prescription for Parks

- [Parkrx.org](http://Parkrx.org)
- [Parkrxamerica.org](http://Parkrxamerica.org)

# AGENDA 10

## **GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION**

**RENEE MATTSON, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**



# AGENDA 11

## PARK HIGHLIGHT

BEMIDJI PARKS & RECREATION

MARCIA LARSON, DIRECTOR OF PARKS  
& RECREATION



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## Annual Meeting

- Wednesday, October 9, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Initiative Foundation
- Little Falls, MN