

## Exhibit A

### Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee Amended and Restated Bylaws

#### **Purpose:**

1. The Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee has been reorganized by the Townships for the purpose of: a. monitoring the plan adopted by the NRESC and Townships entitled "Recommendations for Natural Resource Management in the Beaver Archipelago" (the Plan); b. working with other agencies, entities, and groups to promote actions supporting the goals and objectives set forth in the plan.
2. In addition the NRESC with approval of its Members may also take responsibility for completing an action that is supportive of the goals and objectives in the Plan.
3. All actions taken by the NRESC shall conform to the Plan.

#### **NRESC Members:**

1. The NRESC shall have an individual Member of the NRESC appointed by and representing Peaine Township and an individual Member of the NRESC appointed by and representing St. James Township.
2. The NRESC shall have a Member representing and appointed by the Peaine Township Planning Commission and a Member appointed by and representing the St. James Township Planning Commission.
2. The NRESC shall have Members who are appointed by local organizations and other organizations interested in the Natural Resources who have appointed a representative and submitted a letter to the NRESC confirming their participation.
3. The NRESC may appoint individuals as Members who have expertise in the Natural Resources or Ecotourism and who desire to become a member or who are already been a Member and wish to continue.
4. The NRESC shall keep an updated list of all Members and shall submit this list to the Townships and shall inform the Townships of any changes.

#### **Governance:**

1. **Executive Committee:** An Executive Committee shall consist of the two NRESC Members appointed by the Townships, the two NRESC members appointed by the Planning Commissions and three other Members of the NRESC selected by the Members of the NRESC. The Executive Committee will meet a minimum of quarterly to review progress on the purposes set forth above, to appoint committees of members of the NRESC to carry out actions in furtherance of the Plan, and to receive reports from organizations, plan the annual meeting apply for grants with Township approval, and report to the Townships. Notice of meetings and

minutes of the executive committee will be sent to all Members and will be posted for the public. The Executive Committee members will rotate the offices of Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary. All funds obtained by the NRESC shall be deposited with the Peaine Township Clerk for submittal to the Peaine Township Treasurer who shall keep a record of the NRESC funds. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of 4 Members. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by any three members of the Executive Committee.

2. **General Membership Meetings:** General Membership meetings of all Members will be held twice a year One of the meetings shall be a formal Annual Meeting for reporting all progress regarding actions supporting the plan for submission to the Townships. Additional meetings can be called by the Executive Board or by request of one-third of the Members. A quorum of general membership meetings shall be 51% of the Members.
3. **NRESC Meetings:** All NRESC meetings shall be held at the Peaine Township Hall, shall conform to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.
4. **Voting:** A simple majority of Members present at a meeting shall be required for all actions except matters where a Member requests a Majority vote for any item which has been added to the agenda at a meeting and not presented in advance. After these bylaws have been approved, further amendments shall require a 2/3 vote.
5. **Correspondence:** Correspondence NRESC letterhead or by an officer or Executive Board Member or by a Member representing the NRESC shall require prior approval of the Executive Board.
6. **Effective Date of the Bylaws:** After approval by the majority of the NRESC, these bylaws shall be effective and shall be submitted to both Township Clerks.

Amended to conform to the Amended and Restated Resolution Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
And approved by the NRESC Dated \_\_\_\_\_