



Administrative Structure

The County Board of Commissioners is the chief policy making body of County Government in Manistee County. The County Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the County, including coordination with the various departments, boards, and committees. Parks and Recreation functions in Manistee County are the responsibility of the County Planning Commission. The County Planner is the full-time staff member who carries out the planning duties and functions in Manistee County. These include responsibility for Parks and Recreation. Figure 4 shows an organizational chart.

Since Manistee County has no developed parks or recreation programming, there is no budget for these functions. Funding for the development of this recreation plan was received from a grant from the Manistee County Community Foundation. Because Manistee County does not own any parks, individual parks and other recreational assets within the county are owned and operated by their respective municipality or agency. The Manistee Recreation Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in the City of Manistee, established in 1942, does provide structured recreation and leisure activities for

residents throughout Manistee County. The organization involves all age groups, but it primarily focuses on teaching the fundamentals of youth sports, including spring and fall soccer, summer baseball, hockey, and wrestling. The majority of the organization’s funding comes from the City of Manistee, Manistee County, and the United Way.

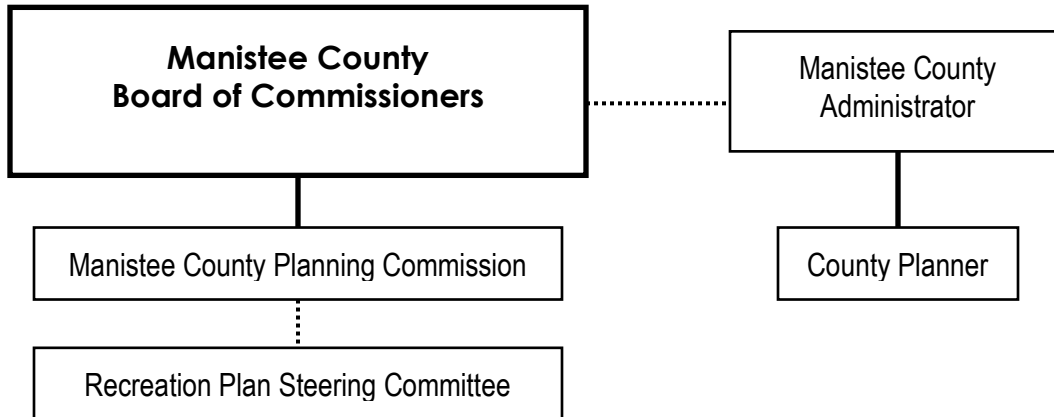


Figure 4: Parks and recreation administration in Manistee County.

