



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIWASSEE TRAIL
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Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020
5:30 pm, Main Street Pizza
St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Chairperson Rodgers called meeting to order at 6:07 pm
2. **Roll Call**
 - a) **Present:** Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Allen Martin, Ardelle Rodgers, Joel Wickham, Rick Church, Kathy Simon, Doug Hyland, Dave Weber, Janice Gustafson
 - b) **Absent:**
 - c) **Guests:** Dan McMaster (MWMTA Board Member & Shiawassee County Commissioner) and Dan McMaster, Clinton County resident
3. **Approve the Minutes** – Rodgers noted following errors on the November minutes: Under Item 7 (Financial Report) total disbursements should have read \$1,484.80 and Ending Fund Balance should have read \$17,488.93. **MOTION** to approve the amended minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting. Wickham/Hyland M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – Simon requested moving Item 10 (New Business) ahead of Item 9 (Old Business). **MOTION** to approve the amended agenda. Gustafson/Martin M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham stated there was no December meeting. McMaster and Culham both remarked that MWMTA will be having discussions during 2020 about consistency and standards. They may be working on new rules and possibly new policies and /or amending the bylaws regarding use of the maintenance budget. Culham noted that our budget has been approved. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2020.
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Gustafson. There were no deposits in November or December; disbursements included \$652.04 for Trail Sign/ Maintenance and \$450.00 for quarterly payment to the Trail Manager. Total disbursements for November and December totaled \$1,102.04. Ending Fund Balance is \$16,386.89, Grant Fund Balance is \$0 and Operating Fund Balance of \$16,386.89. **MOTION** to accept report as presented. Wickham/, Martin M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - Culham reported that there was a wash out between Muir and Ionia that he and Allen fixed, however, he expressed concern that it might soften in the spring. Cut down and moved a bunch of trees off the trail. He stated that Tim Machowicz has volunteered to help between Ovid and St. Johns. He also has another new volunteer, Jim Corey from Muir, who will help out between Wager Road (east of Muir) and Ionia. He also reported that Scott Litchfield was stopped while driving down the trail on Christmas Eve by five policemen from the Clinton County sheriff's office. Litchfield was able to contact Ron Gunderson, who told the police that he (Litchfield) was authorized to drive down the trail. Litchfield had Trail Maintenance magnetic signs on both sides of his vehicle, plus a bubble light on top.

9. Old Business

- a) *Wayfaring Signs/MSU Project (including 1/2 mile marker) - Update - No Update.*
- b) *2020 Annual Meeting (date, location, speaker, publication in news, etc.) - March 11, 2020, at Main Street Pizza (north entrance) at 7 pm. Ron Gunderson will be our keynote speaker, Culham will give an update on our trail. Simon will put notices in local newspapers. We will provide refreshments.*
- c) *Board Member Elections – Allen Martin and Janice Gustafson have agreed to have their names appear on the 2020 election ballot. New board member Craig Bisson (see New Business below) has also agreed to have his name placed on the ballot.*
- d) *Newsletter and ballot (articles, approval of printing & mailing costs, schedule, etc.) - Simon discussed first draft of newsletter. Schedule is: Final draft of newsletter to to Culham by January 29 for formatting; newsletter and ballot sent to printer by February 7; newsletter assembled and mailed at February 12 meeting. Gustafson noted that she had a supply of membership renewal forms, so we do not have to print any of those. **MOTION** to approve funds up to \$500 for newsletter (including printing and mailing) and Annual Meeting expenses. Hyland/Wickham M/S/P*

10. New Business

- a) *New Shiawassee County board member -**MOTION** to appoint Craig Bisson for the remainder of the term vacated by Pam Weisenburger-Kruger in Shiawassee County. Martin/Church M/S/P*

11. Next Meeting Date/Location – 6 pm on February 12, 2020 at the Main Street Pizza in St. Johns (please arrive at 5:30 pm if you would like to order dinner). Will be assembling the newsletter.

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 6:57 pm. Hyland/Wickham M/S/P

Minutes taken by Kathy Simon