



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

Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
6:00 pm, Clinton County Court House  
St. Johns, Michigan

### *Minutes*

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Chairperson Rodgers called meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. **Roll Call**
  - a) **Present:** Janice Gustafson, Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Allen Martin, Dave Weber, Ardelle Rodgers, Doug Hyland, Joel Wickham, Pam Kruger, Kathy Simon
  - b) **Absent:** Rick Church
  - c) **Guests:** John Kruger
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting. Weber/Wickham M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Hyland/Martin M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham stated they have \$403,575 in GR Community Foundation.
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Gustafson reported. We received \$225 in dues and donations. Expenses for April totaled \$200 (magnetic signs). Ending funds balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$30,741.73; ending operating funds balance is \$16,403.24. **MOTION** to accept report as presented. Simon/Weber M/S/P **MOTION** to approve payment of General Liability Insurance Invoice for \$150.00. Weber/Hyland M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - 1) Events -In August, group applied for an event between St. Johns and Fowler, also one from Backroad Brigade for relay race in Pewamo area - June 21. 2) River Valley trail - will start work in July. Supposed to be done all the way to Greenville done this year. 3) Test area - now it's hard as a rock. DNR waiting till June. We have \$7,000 left - need to dispose of some of the sections. Bid to remove 5 sections came back for \$20,000. He's still working on it. Will probably be the HMA (hot mixed asphalt - recycled and screened to 1/2" stone). Tom Byle estimates it will run \$750,000 to resurface, depending on how much the asphalt is going for at the time (vs. \$250,000/mile to pave). May be next year before they start. 4) Trail will be sprayed next week, depending on weather. Litchfield mowed this week. Will mow again the week before Memorial Day Weekend. 5) Ovid put in doggie bag receptacle.
9. **Old Business**
  - a) **Wayfaring Signs/MSU Project (including 1/2 mile marker)** - Update - Nothing new.
  - b) **Bridge Bollards** - Update - Nothing new.
  - c) **Centralized Trail Clearinghouse for Friends' Group (website page to document trail surface improvement efforts)** - Update - MTGA has something similar on their website.
  - d) **Trail Volunteer Appreciation Day** - Consensus to move it back to our annual meeting in March.

**10. New Business**

- a) *2019/2020 Meeting Schedule* - **MOTION** to set 2019 Meeting Schedule as follows: June(no meeting), July(no meeting), August (no meeting), September 11, 2019, October 9, 2019, November 13, 2019, December (no meeting). Hyland/Gustafson M/S/P
- b) *Spring Clean Up - Recap* - Went well. Ovid - Martin and Robotics Club (10 students) cleaned. Martin also cut down some trees, cleaned pads, etc. in Ovid area. St. Johns - 1 volunteer (community service). Fowler organized their own clean up along the paved area. Kathy & Bruce Simon and a volunteer cleaned between Fowler and St. Johns. Weber cleaned pads in Pewamo area. Hyland and boy scout troop cleaned along Smokey Row between Muir and Ionia. Martin and Culham picked up all the garbage bags.

**11. Next Meeting Date/Location** – September 11 at 6 pm

**12. Adjournment** – **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Gustafson/Martin M/S/P

*Minutes taken by Kathy Simon*