



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIAWASSEE TRAIL
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Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
5:30 pm, Main Street Pizza
St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Chairperson Rodgers called meeting to order at 6:25pm. Board members present assembled the newsletter and membership mailing beginning at 5:30pm.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a) **Present:** Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Allen Martin, Ardelle Rodgers, Joel Wickham, Doug Hyland, Dave Weber, Janice Gustafson
 - b) **Absent:** Rick Church, Craig Bisson, Kathy Simon
 - c) **Guests:** none
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting. Wickham/Gustafson M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Weber/Gustafson M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham stated the Authority is working on how to spend and allocate their budget to each of the respective trails.
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Gustafson. There was \$35.00 of deposits in January (\$10 dues and \$25 donations). Total operating expenses were \$181.97, \$110.00 for postage for the newsletter mailing and \$71.97 for trail maintenance. Ending Fund Balance is \$16,239.92, Grant Fund Balance is \$0 and Operating Fund Balance of \$16,239.92. **MOTION** to accept report as presented. Martin/, Hyland M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - Culham reported that he is going to reallocate the budgeted funds for 2020 and not spend the full \$60,000 budgeted. He is anticipating that the Authority will most likely make the trail budgets more equal in the future. He reported there was a wash out near Muir and they made a drainage path to divert the water runoff. In process of replacing missing/stolen signage.
9. **Old Business**
 - a) **Wayfaring Signs/MSU Project (including 1/2 mile marker) - Update** - No Update.
 - b) **2020 Annual Meeting (finalize details, agenda, article in local newspapers, posting on social media and website, etc.)** – We will follow a similar agenda as last year (Simon will prepare). Gunderson will be keynote speaker following Culham's presentation. Remove “old business” from agenda, add public acknowledgement of trail volunteers. Culham will put notice on the website. Simon to put on Facebook. Culham will ask Main Street Pizza to provide water, coffee and cookies.
10. **New Business**

- a) *Spring Clean Up Day* – April 25, 2020 – Boy Scouts will do clean up similar to last year. Ovid/Elsie Robotics team also interested in doing clean up similar to last year.
- b) *Letter of Support for Muir Grant Request* - **E-MAIL MOTION** to send letter of support for the Village of Muir's DALMAC Grant application for a bicycle station.
Simon/Wickham M/S/P

11. Next Meeting Date/Location – 7 pm on March 11, 2020 at the Main Street Pizza in St. Johns.
Board members should arrive at 6:30pm to prepare location for Annual Meeting.

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Hyland/Wickham M/S/P

Minutes taken by Janice Gustafson