



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIAWASSEE TRAIL
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Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6:00 pm, Clinton County Court House*
St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** –Chairperson Rodgers called meeting to order at 6:10 pm
2. **Roll Call**
 - a) **Present:** Janice Gustafson, Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Allen Martin, Ardelle Rodgers, Joel Wickham, , Rick Church, Kathy Simon
 - b) **Absent:** Dave Weber, Doug Hyland, Pam Kruger
 - c) **Guests:** None.
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting. Martin/Wickham M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Church/Gustafson M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham stated Simon was hired on a trial basis as recording secretary for MWMTA. Grant funds available at the GRCF is currently \$403,575.35.
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Gustafson reported we received two grant payments since May of \$10,000 each, in addition to a \$10,000 grant received in March. Total year to date grants received is \$30,000. Currently we have two outstanding grant requests - one for \$10,000 and another \$5,000. We're \$7,165 short already for 2019 maintenance. Culham stated he will be receiving another \$4,000 bill for spraying. He will contact Hanover about status of outstanding grant requests. Ending Funds balance of \$10,267.78. **MOTION** to accept report as presented. Wickham/Martin M/S/P **E-Mail MOTION** of August 12, 2019 to request an additional \$5,000 grant from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority Wickham/Weber M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - Culham reported TruGreen sprayed for weeds, but the weeds are not dying off. He is holding off payment until it is corrected. Construction on the River Trail is coming along. They will be using HMA (hot mixed asphalt) and it is likely that our trail will eventually be paved with the same specs/formula. MDNR is working on the funding for our project. An MDOT TSC will perform the work. Church stated that the Carland Road approaches are now concrete. He noted that Carland is a very dangerous intersection with cars flying over the hill. Discussed purchasing 12 "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" signs for placement on the trail at this and other dangerous intersections. Culham will research. Culham said that the ag lime on our test section is great, hard as a rock. He is currently working on next year's budget and will bring a proposed budget to the next meeting. The budget will include seal coating for St. Johns (Ovid will be sealed in 2021). Simon stated she may be interested in purchasing a bench for placement near the Stoney Creek bridge. Discussed purchasing an additional bench for the Friends Group. Cost of bench is between \$600 and \$650. Cost for materials for platform is around \$200.

9. Old Business

- a) *Wayfaring Signs/MSU Project (including 1/2 mile marker) - Update - No update.*
- b) *Bridge Bollards - Update - Culham is working on getting bollards in this year. Bids so far coming in around \$4,000 for construction (not including installation).*

10. New Business

- a) *Trail Safety at Intersections - Simon stated that there have been complaints on our Facebook page from drivers having near misses with cyclists ignoring stop signs at trail/road intersections.*

11. Next Meeting Date/Location – October 9, 2019 at 6 pm. Culham will check with Craig Smith to use the back room of his restaurant for a meeting room as it appears we will no longer be able to use the Clinton County Courthouse.

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Gustafson/Simon M/S/P

* Meeting was held at the outdoor pavilion near the St. Johns Depot. Reserved Room at the Clinton County Courthouse is no longer available for trail board meetings.

Minutes taken by Kathy Simon