



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIWASSEE TRAIL
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Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
5:30 pm, Main Street Pizza
St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Vice Chairperson Church called meeting to order at 5:36 pm
2. **Roll Call**
 - a) **Present:** Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Allen Martin, Ardelle Rodgers, Joel Wickham, Rick Church, Kathy Simon (via remote), Doug Hyland, Dave Weber
 - b) **Absent:** Janice Gustafson,
 - c) **Guests:** Dan McMaster (MWMTA Board Member & Shiawassee County Commissioner)
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting. Wickham/Martin M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Weber/Hyland M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – Culham stated that the Finance Committee met prior to their last meeting to go over grant requests. Current fund balance is \$38,893.07
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer's report was presented by Rodgers for absent Treasurer Gustafson. Reported no deposits in October; disbursements included \$634.18 for sign maintenance and \$850 for mowing (total disbursements of \$1,474.18). Ending Fund Balance of \$17,483.90, Grant Fund Balance of \$556.90 and Operating Fund Balance of \$16,932.03. **MOTION** to accept report as presented. Wickham/Martin M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** -

FMCIS Trail- Culham reported that he and Martin fixed and overfilled the dirt washed out near the culverts in Ovid and put cold patch near the Maple River bridge. They also installed a new railing on the culvert in Ovid (original was stolen). According to an Ovid police report someone drove over the fence and stop sign. He was able to replace the stop sign with an extra he had in inventory. Culham has contacted the engineer (Tom Byle) and Jill (DNR) requesting a truck load of the asphalt being used on the River Valley Trail for testing on our trail. Hyland brought the ADA pads for Fowler and Ovid but Culham stated that he will probably wait till next spring to install. We may eventually have to buy steel pads for more durability. He stated he is still clearing trees off the trail. Weber reported that the approaches to the Maple River bridge have started to wash out. He also stated that snowmobiles are already using the trail in Pewamo.

River Valley Trail - They are working on the River Valley Trail and have a lot of the recycled HMA down but not all compacted. They are still working on some culverts etc. before they can complete putting all of the HMA on the trail, They hope to have a good share of it completed before winter sits in and they have to quit for the year. The contractor has until August 1, 2020 to complete.

9. Old Business

- a) *Wayfaring Signs/MSU Project (including 1/2 mile marker) - Update - No new information.*
- b) *Bridge Bollards - Update - Discussion at the October meeting that we will not put them up this year. The cost is approximately \$1,000 for each gate, or \$4,000 total. We will wait and see how 2019/2020 winter goes.*

10. New Business

- a) *Discuss and set date/location for 2020 Annual Meeting - **MOTION** to schedule 2020 Annual Meeting for March 11, 2020 at 7 pm. Wickham/Church M/S/P Culham will check on possible venues (Liquid Ag, Clinton County Commissioner's Conference Room or Main Street Pizza in St. Johns) He will also check to see if Ron Gunderson and/or Mark Fritsma would be available to give updates on the River Valley trail.*
- b) *Determine schedule for articles, formatting, printing, and mailing of newsletter and ballots - Articles finished and formatted by January 29, 2020. Prepare for mailing at the February 12, 2020 monthly meeting. Board members asked to contribute articles or ideas for articles to Simon and/or Culham. Possible historical article about Indian settlements near Muir and/or train crashes. Also article regarding spring clean up. Spring Clean Up Date set for April 25, 2020.*
- c) *Set up Ad Hoc Nominating Committee - Board members with terms expiring in March, 2020: Clinton County - Martin (he indicated he would run again); Ionia County - Gustafson; and Shiawassee - vacancy as a result of Weisenburger-Kruger's resignation. Hyland volunteered to chair. All other board members not up for re-election will assist.*

11. Next Meeting Date/Location – 6 pm on January 8, 2020 at the Main Street Pizza in St. Johns (please arrive at 5:30 pm if you would like to order dinner).

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 6:37 pm. Hyland/Wickham M/S/P

Minutes taken by Kathy Simon