



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

Wednesday, June 14, 2017
7:00 pm, Clinton County Courthouse
St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Vice Chairperson Church called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. *Present:* Terry McLeod (Ex-Officio), Janice Gustafson, Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Rick Church, Dave Weber, Marshall Baker, Pam Weisenburger, Doug Hyland, Ardelle Rodgers
 - b. *Absent:* Kathy Simon, Kyle Knight (but he had submitted his resignation)
 - c. *Guests:* John Salemi, Erwin Trumble, Jr.
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting.
Gustafson/Weber M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None.
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda but move 10d after Financial Report.
Weber/Baker M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – McLeod reported that MWMTA had paid \$10,500 to complete the brushing from Lowell to Greenville. The Event Rules were adopted. Doug Hyland reported that Kris Bennett, DNR, had gotten a grant (money will be available in October) to have Corbin Design Company redo the signage to come into compliance with the MDOT regulations. MWMTA will not pay for gas for volunteers working on the trail. The Friends groups can pay volunteers if they so choose with their money from fund raisers. The Meijer Foundation money will not be used to reimburse gas money for volunteers. Next meeting date is June 22, 2017.
7. **Financial Report** – Gustafson reported that she had received \$160.00 in dues and \$195.00 donation with a balance of \$22,571.64 and a grant balance of \$8,884.43
 - a) *E-mail motion passed* - **MOTION** by Simon, seconded by Weber to renew general liability insurance for the Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail and pay invoice in the amount of \$150.00. Ayes: Simon, Weber, Church, Weisenburger, Rodgers, Gustafson. Nays: none.
 - b) *(Item 10d in Agenda)* - Resignation of Knight from the Board was accepted; **MOTION** to appoint John Salemi to replace Knight as a Clinton County representative for the remainder of that term. Weber/Gustafson M/S/P **MOTION** to appoint Rick Church as Chairman. Salemi/Weber M/S/P **MOTION** to elect Salemi as Vice Chairman. Church/Baker M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance**
 - a) *Trail Surface* - See attached report
 - b) *Chain Saw Certification Class* - Culham reported 5 people had attended the class.

- c) *E-mail motion passed - MOTION* by Gustafson, seconded by Simon, to use Tru-Green option #2 for \$7,100 per Culham's recommendation. Ayes: Gustafson, Simon, Rodgers, Weber, Hyland, Knight. Nays: none.

9. Old Business

- a) *Hazardous Crossings* - No action
- b) *Website* -
 - i) *Update Event and Volunteer forms* - The MWMTA has adopted Event Rules but we have not received a copy yet.
- c) *Fund Raising* - Plan to set up a committee.
- d) *Wayfaring Signs/MSU Student Project* - Hyland displayed the Trail Legacy poster that the students had done. It had great information that will be helpful when we begin to put together the signage package. The next class will work on the placement of the signs.

10. New Business -

- a) *Chain of Command (flow chart proposal from trail user to Governor)* - We will work to develop.
- b) *E-mail motion passed - MOTION* by Knight, seconded by Rodgers, to renew D&O insurance policy in the amount of \$744.00.
- c) *E-mail motion passed - MOTION* by Knight, seconded by Gustafson, to apply for a \$10,000 grant to present to the MWMTA. Ayes: Knight, Gustafson, Simon, Hyland. Nays: none.

11. Next Meeting Date/Location –Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7 pm at the Clinton County Courthouse in St. Johns.

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Salemi/Hyland M/S/P

Minutes taken by Terry McLeod