



FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIWASSEE TRAIL
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Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
6:00 pm, Clinton County Court House
St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order** –Chairperson Church called meeting to order at 6.02 pm.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Present:** Janice Gustafson, Barry Culham (Trail Manager), Rick Church, John Salemi, Allen Martin, Kathy Simon, Dave Weber, Doug Hyland
 - b. **Absent:** Ardelle Rodgers, Pam Weisenburger
 - c. **Guests:** None
3. **Approve the Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting. Weber/Gustafson M/S/P
4. **Public Comment** - None
5. **Approve the Agenda** – **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Gustafson/Weber M/S/P
6. **Update from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority** – No meeting in September
7. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Gustafson presented the September report. No September revenue. We had disbursements totaling \$5,350. As of September 30, 2018, our Ending Funds Balance is \$17,146.65; our MWMTA Grant Fund Balance is \$2,400.36; and our Operating Fund Balance is \$14,746.29. **MOTION** to approve the Financial Report as presented. Weber/Simon M/S/P
8. **Trail Maintenance** - Culham reported there have been trees down on the west end. Trying to clear dead trees starting on the west end, hopefully during the winter months. Big stuff will be laid on the side - he has contacted individuals to pick it up. Mowings are done for the year. Scott Litchfield (Keith, now has retired and turned it over to his son, Scott) was working on brushing back the trail. Culham has scheduled seal-coating the asphalt in the towns of Fowler, Pewamo and Muir the first thing in 2019. He is also getting bids to cut the dead trees down along the trail.
9. **Old Business**
 - a) **Wayfaring Signs/MSU Student Project** - No new information.
 - b) **Board Meeting Schedule** - Simon presented a calendar of recurring events for board review. This will be a working document to ensure we don't miss important deadlines, etc.
 - c) **Wooden Platform for Benches** - Culham reported that River Valley is paying \$300 for their 11 x 6 wooden platforms. He will be requesting quotes for ours. **MOTION** to approve cost up to \$400 (to include delivery) of purchasing a platform for a trial basis. Hyland/Salemi M/S/P
 - d) **Closure of Bridges in Winter** - Discussed ideas for barriers to block unauthorized motor vehicles from driving on the Stoney Creek and Maple River bridges, including iron posts with chains across trail run through PVC pipes; posts on each side with arms (sideways u-shaped metal bars) that meet in the center, etc. All barriers would need to be removable by emergency vehicles, when needed. Culham will contact

the individual who did the ones on the Heartland Trail Board members should research options, methods, costs, etc. of blocking unauthorized traffic between now and next meeting.

- e) *Installation of Gustafson Bench* -Location selected just west of Muir, where the two rivers meet.

10. New Business

- a) *Centralized Trail Clearinghouse for Friends' Groups* - It has come to our attention that other trails in Michigan are experiencing similar surface problems that we have and searching for solutions we have already tried and found unsuccessful. It seems they are unaware of our trial surface experiment west of St. Johns. Culham will gather documentation of our efforts and reports to date and publish on a separate page on our website so that other trails may have access to this information.

11. Next Meeting Date/Location – November 14, 2018 at 6 pm

12. Adjournment – **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:09 pm Gustafson/Hyland M/S/P

Minutes taken by Kathy Simon