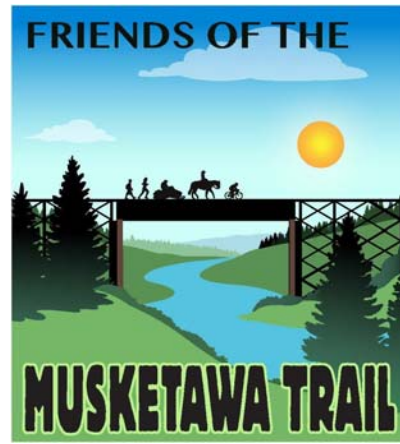


Friends Group Board Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00 p.m. Ravenna Village Office
12090 Crockery Creek Road



Millennium Trail 2000

National Recreation Trail 2008



MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order - Tim Nink, president
2. Review / approve minutes from April 4, 2019 Meeting
3. Secretary report – Donna Christensen
4. Treasurer report - Diana Holovka
5. Correspondence
 - a. A few emails from new users asking about trail surface (pavement versus gravel)
 - b. Mail correspondence. Any? (Ed/Diana) Diana to move mailing address to new condo.
6. Trail Managers Report: Muskegon County/George Czinder; Ottawa County/Anne Engvall
7. Website – Tim to insert updated Musketawa Trail logo soon.
8. Next Trail newsletter being worked on. Progress is slower with Ed and Diana's pending relocation.
9. Current expenditures - Any outstanding reimbursement items from board members?
10. Project list for 2019 (and beyond):
 - a. Current/existing:
 - i) Design and have printed new t-shirts and polos for board members and available for memberships/public. Donna finalized updated logo. Need cropped version. Once this is complete, send out logo to vendor to evaluate costs for new t-shirts and polos. Only a handful of t-shirts and polos are left (extra box found by Ed/Diana).
 - ii) Observation deck at Swanson Road, West of Ravenna. Need to stain remaining outside boards this year. Suggest Thompson's TOTAL semi-transparent stain. Project leader? Volunteers?
 - iii) Stain remaining decks. These include cleaning/re-staining deck east of Ravenna and adding stain to deck at trestle just west of Conklin. Use Thompson's TOTAL semi-transparent type for penetration of wood and coverage of older material. Tim to organize date(s) and work crew.

iv) Power wash deck east of S. Ravenna Road (this deck was done a couple years ago by Ed/Tim/James. Stain deck at a later date once it is cleaned and dry. George has a source for a water tank. Tim has a generator. Suggest dates/times?

v) Design new/update brochure for the Musketawa Trail. Donna has agreed to work on design. Thoughts on design elements? We have an updated map file used on the trail head signs.

b. Future/longer term

i) Bike repair stations for trail heads. DNR is very supportive of stations. Tim has budget cost. No further progress yet, still working on this item.

ii) Item i) to be included with covered shelter for Ravenna. This would replace aged wood decking and picnic table. Cost requires us to explore grant(s) and other funding. Explore company to provide engineering drawings of proposed project (Michigan DNR required). Prein and Newhoff?

iii) Covered shelter proposed near the trail crossing at Ellis and Squires Roads (at the county line between Muskegon and Ottawa). Jill (DNR) provided aerial property map. Will need to explore an engineering drawing and possibly talk to neighboring property owner(s).

iv) Gary suggests having “open house” days at the caboose at the Ravenna trail head. Gary will explore this over the next few months.

v) Signage for the trail was suggested at the last meeting. Consensus was to add “etiquette/rules” signs to the trail head kiosks and condensed versions on the trail leading out of and into the trail heads. Tim to work on draft of lists. We also need new/update “No motorized (wheeled) vehicle” signs. There are some existing signs, but these are minimal. Suggest larger signs near most/all road crossings (maybe similar to what is on the Berry Junction Trail). Consult with Michigan DNR for approval. Installation by whom (thoughts – George/Oscar)?

vi) Any other ideas???

11. Annual Friends of the Musketawa Trail dinner took place on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Ravenna Bowl. A big “THANK YOU” to Diana for putting this together again for us. Thoughts/ideas for next year’s dinner/location?

12. Miscellaneous

13. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Nink, President

23 years of trail work and still going!
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