

Friends Group Board Meeting

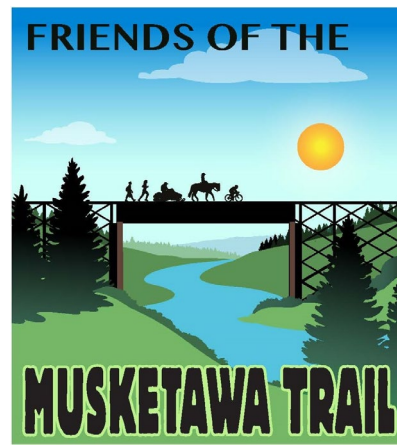
Thursday, August 6, 2026

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. Secretary report (Cari Draft) – Review meeting minutes from June 4, 2026
3. Treasurer report (Diana Holovka)
4. Correspondence
 - a. Emails
 - b. Mail correspondence (Diana)
5. Trail Managers Report: Muskegon County/Greg Sherburn; Ottawa County/Kate Alvarez
 - a. Share/discuss updates on the Musketawa Trail reconstruction project (DNR)
6. Website – Questions/comments/updates
7. Current expenditures – Any request(s) for reimbursement?
8. Brochure/trail map
 - a. Distribution (Anyone want/need packs to place/hand out?).
 - b. Future update to brochure/trail map needed because of construction (includes membership pricing (correction to current levels), mileage marker identification, etc.). Need review/update of sponsors. Amy Gustin (graphic artist) helped us with the last change/update.
9. Project list (2026 – current or future):
 - a. Completed (2026)
 - i) Spring 2026 “clean-up” at Muskegon/Broadway trail head is complete (and was a success). Plan for 2027 event (Cari)?
 - ii) Caboose/depot “Open House” days for 2026 were: 6/6, 7/18 (cancelled), & 8/1. Thank you to Gary and Linda for organizing this event. Should we plan for this event series in 2027?
 - b. Current/existing (2026 and beyond):
 - i) Ribbon-cutting and “pop-up” ride/event for completing of Phase 1 of trail reconstruction. Date is planned for Friday, September 11th, 2026, starting at 3PM. Ride to immediately follow ribbon cutting activities. Limited event t-shirt (cost?) and design? Items needed for the event?

ii) Ed Holovka Memorial at the Muskegon/Broadway trail head. Shelter structure is purchased via vendor. Production is holding pending approval and paperwork needed via DNR. Submitted to LARA by the Michigan DNR. Awaiting approval. Build/installation will (likely) push to 2027.

iii) Remaining items for Holovka Memorial project to follow including bench/seating, bike repair station (Sharon Davis), and plaques (need quotes/purchase for all but bike repair station). Hold on un-purchased items until we get official “go ahead” from DNR.

c. Future/longer term

i) Updated Musketawa Trail map/brochure

ii) “Pop-up” ride/event for completion of Phase 2 of reconstruction (Muskegon County). Expect reconstruction to begin no earlier than 2028.

iii) Other ideas (discussion)

10. Target date for Spring/Summer 2026 Friends newsletter issue (should be post “ribbon-cutting”)? Ideas beyond construction photos/update, ribbon cutting/pop-up ride event, and Ravenna Open House(s)?

11. Remaining Friends board meeting date for 2026: 10/1 (Thursday at 7PM in Ravenna)

12. Other Items/Miscellaneous/News

13. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Nink, President

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