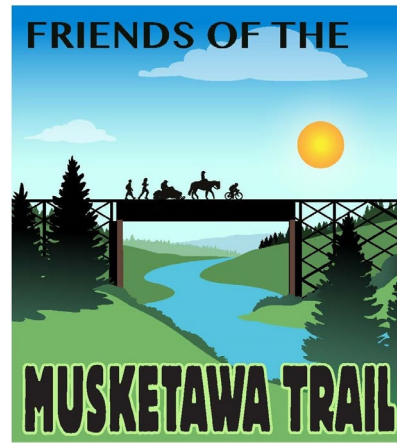


Friends Group Board Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 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 August 6, 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
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.). Jill (DNR) will help with new mileage marker locations. Need to start approaching possible sponsors. Who wants/can take this on?
9. Project list (2026/2027 – current or future):
 - a. Completed (2026)
 - i) Spring 2026 “clean-up” at Muskegon/Broadway trail head is complete.
 - 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.
 - iii) Ribbon-cutting for Phase 1 of rebuild took place on 9/11/26. Thank you to Cari for designing and ordering the t-shirts. Final thoughts on this?
 - b. Current/existing (2026/2027 and beyond):
 - i) Staining on observation deck between Marne and Conklin to take place on Saturday, October 3, 2026. All set?

- ii) Sanding and staining of observation deck just east of S Ravenna Road (requested by DNR). Team to do this in 2027? Review how other staining went for materials/team (Gary)?
- iii) Seal roof of water tower in Ravenna and close access door. A tentative team of James, Tim and Oscar in place for end of March 2027. Spray paint of graffiti inside as well as sealing cracks in concrete around structure.
- iv) Look at options to stain/seal stave wood of water tower and entrance door. Ideas/quotes needed from contractor(s) with man lifts.
- v) 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. Approval close from LARA/DNR? Construction “pushed” to 2027.
- vi) 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.
- vii) Muskegon/Broadway trail head clean-up for 2027 (Cari). Dates/time?
- viii) Ravenna Caboose/Depot Open House Days for 2027 (June/July/August). Any target dates (Gary)?

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 re-construction to begin no earlier than 2028.
- iii) Other ideas (discussion)

- 10. Spring/Summer 2026 Friends newsletter issue update. In progress/completed?
- 11. Friends board meeting date for 2027: 4/1, 6/3, 8/5, & 10/7 (Thursdays at 7PM in Ravenna)
- 12. Other Items/Miscellaneous/News
- 13. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Nink, President

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