



# Musketawa Trail



**Millennium Trail 2000  
National Recreation Trail 2008**



## **MINUTES FROM:**

**Thursday, August 2, 2018  
7:00 p.m. Ravenna Village Office  
12090 Crockery Creek Road**

**Meeting Called to Order by Tim Nink: 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting attendance:** Tim Nink, Diana Holovka, Edward Holovka, Joan Schmitt, Mark Fritsma, George Czinder, Sharon Davis, and Greg Sherburn

Immediately after meeting was called to order, Tim Nink presented Sharon Davis, an award for her years of service as board member and board secretary.

Minutes from June 7 were reviewed and motion was made and seconded to accept – all in favor

Diana presented the financial report. Funds by family members were donated to cover most of the cost to revive two of the picnic tables at the Ravenna Trailhead as memorials for Jim Schmitt and Harold Drake. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report – all in favor. Please refer to finance report for details.

Most correspondence has been coming thru the website with requests for maps and reports of trail conditions such as trees across the trail, etc. We had a report of a young girl getting hurt on the trail – falling off her bike and down into a “ravine”. This resulted in a railing being installed by Ottawa County. A few notes regarding the trail with membership renewals have come thru U.S. mail, commenting on how well the trail is liked.

George Czinder, trail manager, reports he has been mowing and trimming along the trail plus filling in and patching woodchuck holes. He also reports that it appears a homeless family has been parking and living in their car at the Broadway Trailhead. Greg Sherburn will look into this. It was also reported the overall status of the trail; payment is fair to poor, and culverts and bridges are safe.

Tim announced that a coordinator for any further Gold Spike Trail Tours is needed as he has done the last two. It was suggested to rotate Trail Tour rides among other trails.

Tim stated he still has yet to upload Gold Spike IV photos to the website.

The next newsletter is due to come out in October – between the first and end of the month – preferably around the first. The Gold Spike Tour IV will be highlighted.

A motion was made and seconded – all in favor to reimburse Tim \$26.47 for stain used to re-stain the observation deck at Swanson road. Oscar had volunteered to do this. The memorial bench for Patterson has been CLOSED as it is on the FM Pioneer Trail. Two of the picnic tables at the Ravenna Trailhead are being refinished as memorial tables for Jim Schmitt and Harold Drake. Previously Harold’s memorial was going to be a bench.

Donna is working on new logos for new T-shirts for board members and Tim is looking into pricing. All old shirts from years ago are now gone.

Tim stated that the upgrades for the memorial tables at Ravenna will need to have more reinforcement and requested additional funds of approximately \$200 to \$300 more than the \$1000 first thought. A motion was made – seconded – and all in favor of the request. He will be ordering materials.

The old sign at the Ravenna Trailhead driveway will be taken down and not replaced. It has deteriorated beyond repair. Nikki from DNR has approved.

There was more discussion about bike repair stations, shelter (16 x 16), and stump removal at the Ravenna Trailhead. Also discussed was the Natural Resource Trust Fund and hopes of possibly using some of these funds once approved for repaving the trail at a future date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Diana Holovka, Treasurer  
Friends of the Musketawa Trail

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