



# Musketawa Trail



**Millennium Trail 2000  
National Recreation Trail 2008**



**MINUTES FROM:**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019  
7:00 p.m. Ravenna Village Office  
12090 Crockery Creek Road**

**Meeting Called to Order by Tim Nink: 7:01 p.m.**

**Meeting attendance:** Tim Nink, Gary DeKock, Diana Holovka, Joan Schmitt, Mark Fritsma, George Czinder, James Smith, Oscar Reed, and guests; Jill Sell, DNR; Greg Sherburn, DNR; Steve Dohm, Village of Ravenna; and John Carr, Adjacent property owner in Sullivan Township

Minutes from November 2018 were reviewed and motion was made and seconded to accept – all in favor

Diana presented the financial report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report – all in favor. Please refer to finance report for details. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Gary DeKock for the \$25 entry fee the Musketawa Table at the Quiet Water Symposium; and to reimburse Diana Holovka \$50 pro-rated cost software update for Quick Books.

It was reported trees down in the Ottawa County trail area in March.

Tim reported on correspondence coming thru the website along with spam emails about the website. Ed sent a note regarding four people who offered to volunteer thru their donation envelopes. Tim also stated he uploaded Gold Spike IV photos to the website.

Information is needed for the next newsletter. Ed is slowly compiling / gathering info for the next printing.

Gary is looking for an organized ride to include the Musketawa Trail.

The Quiet Water symposium has a new name – Quiet Adventures Symposium. The change was to incorporate more varied groups such as bicycling, etc. instead of only canoes, kayaking, and water activities. Tim and James both attended the event in Lansing.

Gary and Linda DeKock both attended the Friends Summit. Gary stated we need more trail groups instead of park groups. The Friends groups came together to discuss trail status and issues. It was held at the Eberhard Center.

Guest John Carr from Sullivan Township talked about a park in Sullivan Township that would be near the trail. It would offer parking and may enhance trail use. John wanted to obtain letters of support to help gain grant monies. A motion was made and passed to write letters of support.

Tim stated projects to do this summer would be to stain observation decks at Swanson road and others as needed. He talked of getting “etiquette” signs up at the kiosks. He also stated the Donna is working on a new trail logo for new T-shirts and Polo shirts for board members and others.

Gary suggested we “shelf” Gold Spike V for 2020 as we need more volunteers and possibly link up with other trail groups.

The caboose at Ravenna trailhead now has electrical power.

Diana & Ed are planning a move soon and will involve relocating the PO Box in Muskegon Heights. A motion was made and passed to make the change when the timing is appropriate. A new brochure was also mentioned.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by Diana Holovka, Treasurer  
Friends of the Musketawa Trail

**23 years of trail work and still going!**  
**A non-profit organization of committed volunteers**