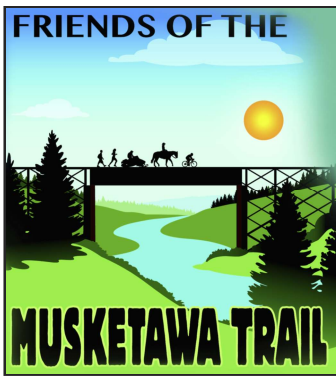




Friends of the Musketawa Trail Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2026

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



*Millennium Trail 2000
National Recreation Trail 2008*



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Attendees: Oscar Reed, Mark Fritsma, James Smith, Tim Nink, Diana Holovka, George Czinder and Cari Draft

Absent: Gary De Kock and Paul Boucon

Guests: none

1. **Meeting called to order 7:01pm** : Tim Nink, President
2. **Secretary report - Cari Draft** : Meeting minutes from June 4 reviewed (thank you Oscar & Diana for taking notes); Motion and second to approve as printed. Unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer report - Diana Holovka** : Diana reviewed her financial summary records for us & our Michigan Annual Corporate report was filed. No questions; Motion & second to approve treasurer's report. Unanimously approved.
4. **Correspondence**
 - a. Emails: Tim reported several, mainly commenting on the construction of the trail and concerns about snowmobile use on the new trail surface.
 - b. Mail correspondence: Diana reported no notable mail.
5. Tim shared **Trail Manager Report** from **Michigan DNR/Greg Sherburn**: Standard maintenance; Greg has a new guy shadowing Steve. They've been filling holes made by rodents. The ORVs near the Broadway trailhead continue to be an issue.
Also shared by Tim from Jill/DNR: The Marne trailhead sign needs replacing; \$2706.16 will be transferred from our account at West Michigan Trails and moved into our home account to cover the signage needed. Motion and second to approve moving the funds; unanimously approved. Side note, Jill has not submitted a TAP Grant yet. She doesn't expect construction to begin on Phase II of the rebuild until 2028 at the earliest. Project planning will begin to really move forward once Phase I work is complete.
6. **Website** : All good; Mark unpinning the Oct 2025 newsletter from the top of our facebook page.
7. **Current Expenditures/Reimbursement**: Diana reimbursed herself \$20, no vote needed.
8. **Brochure/trail map**:
 - a. Distribution: Tim has packs available to anyone to distribute as needed.
 - b. We will update maps, information and sponsors/advertisers when we see updated changes resulting from new construction. Tim will ask Jill to contact both Muskegon and Ottawa County Central Dispatch to update the mileage markers for EMS.
9. **PROJECT LIST**
 - a.) **Current 2026 & beyond**:
 - i. Annual spring cleanup of Broadway Trailhead completed 4/18/26 at 8am. Cari will plan the same for 2027, date to be determined sometime in April.
 - ii. Caboose/Depot "Open House Days" happened 6/6 and 8/1 from 9am to 1pm organized by Gary & Linda; 7/18 was canceled due to air quality (wildfire smoke). Gary & Linda

have agreed to organize them again next summer as well.

- iii. **Ed Holovka Memorial** to be located at the Muskegon/Broadway trail head. Shelter structure is purchased via vendor. Production is holding pending approval and paper work needed via DNR. Submitted to LARA by the Michigan DNR and awaiting approval — expected in 2-3 weeks. Build/installation will likely push to 2027.
- iv. **Last bike repair station** to go along with Ed Holovka Memorial in Muskegon (purchased), bench/seating and plaque quotes needed.
- v. **RIBBON CUTTING** and “Pop-up” ride/event for completed new pavement in Ottawa County are planned for September 11, 2026 at 3pm near the bridge just to the East of the Ravenna trailhead. We discussed the plan; we’ll set up a table near the caboose with water, cups, brochures and event will happen rain or shine. Tim will send email invitations to various people including John & Jennifer of West Michigan Trails. Cari will create & send press release and design a t-shirt for board members and extras available for fundraising.

b.) Future/longer term:

- i. Updated Musketawa Trail map/brochure
 - ii. “Pop-up” ride/event for completion of Phase 2 of reconstruction (Muskegon County) expected to begin no earlier than 2028.
10. Diana hopes to create and send the next Friends newsletter in early November, including photos from the upcoming event on September 11.
11. Remaining Friends Board meeting date for 2026 is **10/1** (*Thursday at 7PM in Ravenna*)

Motion to Adjourn at 7:52pm, seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Cari Draft, Secretary 8/6/26
