



Friends of the Musketawa Trail Board Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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



*Millennium Trail 2000
National Recreation Trail 2008*



MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Gary De Kock and James Smith

Guest: Greg Sherburn (Michigan DNR)

1. **Meeting called to order 7:04pm** : Tim Nink, President
2. **Secretary report - Cari Draft** : Meeting minutes from June 5 reviewed; Motion and second to approve as printed. Unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer report - Diana Holovka** : Diana reviewed her records for us. No questions; Motion & second to approve treasurer's report. Unanimously approved.
4. **Correspondence**
 - a. Emails: Tim reviewed Anonymous "complaint" email; group discussed and Tim will mention issues in next newsletter.
 - b. Mail correspondence: Diana reported no notable mail.
5. **Trail Manager Report from Michigan DNR/Greg Sherburn:**
Standard maintenance; Steve is mowing, cutting brush and has replaced matting and some rotted pieces of wood on some bridges.
Trail Manager Report from Kate Alvarez/Ottawa County and DNR Report from Jill Sell:
Paving begins mid to late August in Ottawa County. Bridge restoration begins soon. Tentative completion of Ottawa County section around July 2026.
6. **Website & Facebook page:** Tim will add construction photos.
7. **Current Expenditures/Reimbursement:** Total to reimburse James = \$28.75 to James (he donated it back) and \$114.25 to Tim. Motion & second; Unanimously approved.
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.
9. **PROJECT LIST**
 - a.) **Completed 2025:**
 - i. Annual spring cleanup of Broadway Trailhead occurred 4/19/25. Trailhead entrance sign was remounted.
 - ii. Caboose/Depot "Open House Days" were 6/2, 7/12 and 8/2. Paul suggested potentially hosting an Open House during Ravenna's Dog Days next year to increase traffic.
 - iii. Tim & James took down old Musketawa Trail project sign on 7/17/25.
 - b.) **Current 2025 & beyond:**
 - i. Caboose/Depot "Open House Days" for 2026 will come from Gary.
 - ii. Cari created potential plan for ride/event for Ottawa County in 2026 to celebrate new pavement, will activate when we know real completion dates.

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c.) Future/longer term:

- i. **Ed Holovka Memorial** to be located at the Muskegon/Broadway trail head. Tim will request updated quotes on structure and concrete estimates and we'll move forward.
- ii. **Last bike repair station** to go along with Ed Holovka Memorial in Muskegon (purchased)

10. Remaining Friends Board meeting date for 2025 is **10/2** (Thursday at 7PM in Ravenna)

Motion to Adjourn at 7:40pm, seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Cari Draft, Secretary 9/8/25

Post-meeting notes:

On August 19th, Cari posted an Instagram reel in collaboration with West Michigan Trails highlighting several Ottawa County cross street photos she snapped of the construction in progress. The reel received over 22,000 views in one week! Great distribution of information.

LINK: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DNjys9AoP2C/>

