



Minutes September 9, 2021

@ Belding Depot

Call to order by Mark Fritsma at 6:05

Board Members Present: Ron Gunderson, Lynn Mason, Mark Fritsma, Wayne Addis, and Chad Farlee.

Absent: Chairperson Robert Brown and Mark Grieves. Both work commitments.

Move to excuse by Lynn seconded by Wayne, Motion carries 5-0

Minutes: Due to technological difficulties, we received the May, July and August minutes tonight. Motion to approve the minutes, with amendment about tree debris in August minutes, made by Mark F. seconded by Wayne. Motion carries 5-0

Agenda:

Add to Unfinished Business, the website.

Add to New Business: purchase of decks and RoundUp weed killer. Mark F. moved as amended, Chad seconded, Motion carries 5-0

Treasurer's Report:

All Bills are paid we are solvent

We Balance to the penny at 124393.72

We had an income of \$ 1360.72

1 Lifetime Memberships were sold

0 Yearly memberships were sold

1 Benches was sold

We had Expenses of \$ 4018.53

Motion to approve made by Wayne seconded by Mark F. Motion carries 5-0

Bills: Chad asked if we need to approve the mowing each time he mows, as an example? If we go over the budget for that item, we take each bill each month, specifically dealing with Meijer Advancement and Authority monies. Other line items he will bring in each month. Chad reported that we will take money out of the General Donations line for bench slats, benches, 4x4 posts, trash receptacles and signage. When reimbursement comes from Authority, or other sources, he will place that money back to General Donations. Lynn moved to approve this future action Wayne seconded. Motion carries 5-0

Budget: Next year's budget discussion. \$51,625 is our proposed Authority budget for 2022. \$127,000 divided by 3. Each trail group would get approximately \$51,000 each year. Minus \$5000 for Authority Expenses.

Some examples of items we looked at:

Tree removal: \$10,000 for next year. Planning on more work done in this area next year.

Surface improvements: \$13,000.

Drainage repairs: \$500

Mileage: \$4,000 Signage \$1500 Porta Pots: \$0 Promotion materials \$500

Administration: \$1,125 Approx. 15%

Motion to approve the budget proposal made by Lynn seconded by Wayne. Motion carries 5-0

Authority Report: Ron reported that they changed the meeting room availability time from 1:00 to 4:45. The finance meeting would begin at 2:00. They also discussed budgets and Board size. The status of the Meijer \$3 million, at the GR Foundation, is now worth \$4,888,000. Available for use, \$458,000.

Maintenance/Trail Expansion:

- Two storms came through: 70 plus trees needed to be removed. Tree debris in Saranac and Sessions Creek. Needs to be cleaned up before winter. Mark G. will give a price.
- All benches, decks and kiosks ordered, have been placed. Some need to be cleaned. Plan for spring.
- Sold two more benches. Some of the current memorials are: In memory of Duane/Janet Patrick, former teachers in Saranac, in memory of Jeff Haan, and John and Ruth Sarniak.
- Trees: The Mario Family is currently charging \$2500/mile...up from \$1,000. Ron will discuss cost and timing with him.
- Punch list: Robert will be discussing dollars with Greenville, Tom Byle is to discuss with the Ionia Fund people, and the punch list signs are coming soon, according to Jill from DNR.

Chairperson Report: None

Upcoming Events: The 19th of Sept. YMCA, near the Sessions Lake area will be taking place.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: Website: Preliminary Quote for 5-7 pages and a fairly simple Website is a one time setup (\$1500) fee plus \$50/ month for maintenance. 30 days until he can start. Motion to approve him to move forward made by Wayne, seconded by Lynn Motion carries 5-0

New Business: Approval to purchase 5-7 gallons of Roundup for weeds on the newly developed section of the trail. Money will come from the Meijer Advancement. Moved by Lynn, seconded by Wayne. Motion carries 5-0.

Four more decks, benches and trash receptacles need to go out between Prairie Creek and Grand River. Wayne moved to give Ron permission to build, seconded by Chad. motion carries 5-0. Approximately \$2,500 would come out of General Donations.

Public Comment: None

Director Comments: Ron discussed his hope to sometime in the future have standard sized signs for Stop signs. D&D Asphalt will be looking at filling the cracks only. Time needs to be set aside to move mile marker posts. Chad discussed membership. We also discussed Long Lake Rd. parking.

Adjournment: Moved by Chad seconded by Wayne to adjourn at 8:17. Motion carries 5-0

Next Meeting: October 14, 2021

Minutes submitted by Lynn Mason