



**Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail
Minutes: July 14, 2022 @ Saranac Depot**

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Ron Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p
- II. **Board Members Present:** Ron Gunderson, Chad Farlee, Wayne Addis, Mark Fritsma, Mark Greives
- III. **Board Members Absent:** Lynn Mason. Mark G. moved to excuse Lynn due to work, Chad. seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- IV. **Guests:** Dean Gage
- V. **Approval of May Minutes:** Maintenance report third bullet point. Planer used to try to remove paint. Wayne moved, Mark G. seconded to approve with amendments. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. **Approval of Agenda:** Wayne moved to approve and Mark G. seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. **Public Comment:** None
- VIII. **Reports of Officers and Chairperson:**
 - A. **Chairperson:** None...included with the Maintenance Report.
 - B. **Treasurer Report:** Chad reported:

All Bills are paid, we are solvent

We Balance at **\$74,689.04**

We had an income of **\$24,262.64**

0 Lifetime Memberships were sold

0 Yearly memberships were sold

We had Expenses of \$ **\$27,540.26**

Ron moved to approve and Wayne seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills: No bills.

Chad has stepped down as Treasurer for the Friends. I have been in contact with Jennifer Mierendorf who offered to take over those duties.

Motion to approve to add Jennifer to the Board and bank account by Chad, support by Mark G approved 5-0

C. Authority Report:

- Barry shared a breakdown of the current balances for the three Friends groups.
- Shiawassee County ok'd the adding of the Heartland Trail to the Authority Board. Waiting for Ionia County to give their input.
- Heartland purchased three lawn mowers for their volunteers, halfway through their root removal and surface sealing.
- Barry reported on spraying of the trail, mowing, woodchuck hole filling, Jill met with engineers about trail surface.
- Barry has been cleaning using Scout troops. They are having difficulty with one culvert and the DNR will be doing a site review.
- Discussion continued on counties being added to the Board.

D. Maintenance Report;

- The City of Belding added two bike racks, one by Veterans Wall and one under M-44 bridge.
- The 95 Mile Marker was replaced, as well as the 86 Mile marker.
- Crack sealing on all asphalt sections, July 26th - 29th.
- Sealcoating for Saranac July 27th and Belding July 28th
- Sch, for the complete week of July 26th through the 31st for weather.
- Railroad ties need to be removed due to huge safety concerns.
- Signs put up on the trail in the State Game area.
- Removed 3,000' of barbed wire from Depot Street in Saranac.
- Ok to remove the existing woven wire fence and replace it with large rocks.

IX. Upcoming Events:

- There has been no news from the YMCA.

X. Unfinished Business: None

XI. New Business:

Street signs need to be added at all intersections for emergency vehicles.

Jackson Landing signs need replacing as well as the Trail signs at road intersections.

5-0 board approval.

Return \$1,800 Storytime Trail grant money to Ionia County Community Foundation.

Wayne motioned Mark F seconded. 5-0 passed

Do we want to still have membership cards for members yearly and lifetime?

Ron will get pricing from Arrow Swift Printing in Greenville.

Approval of two replacement rakes for Ron. Wayne motioned Mark G seconded. Approval 5-0

XII. Public Comment: None

Director Comments:

Adjournment: 7:25 Moved by Ron seconded by Mark G. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes submitted by Ron Gunderson.