

**Friends of the Blue Star Trail
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 19, 2017**

Friends Present: Jeanne Van Zoeren, John Adams, Sunny Hill, Jack Eisinger, John Ludlow, Dan Keller, Frank Cunningham, Laura Jager

Friends Absent: Clark Carmichael

1. Call to order and order and introduction of new Board members:
Frank Cunningham, Jack Eisinger, Dan Keller, and John Ludlow.
Each new member shared their interest in serving on the FBST board and their area of expertise.
2. The September minutes were reviewed with no corrections. The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurers Report-John

John explained to new board members the ACCF Fund and operating fund.
John presented two Hurley & Stewart invoices for payment and approval.
\$26,630.52 – Construction planning process
\$38,356- completed Trail construction
Motion made to approve payment. Motion carried.

Final net revenue raised from Lakeshore Harvest Tour \$13,800
John reported net cash after current invoices and match \$45,002
Cash in operating fund \$5,538
Total funds available at this time \$50,540

4. Presidents Report- Jeanne Van Zoeren

Jeanne presented the updated five year plan along with a handout. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the change in plans. The trailway will proceed to connect the existing trail at Holland Street to the just constructed trailway from North Street to Old Allegan Road along Blue Star Highway. Government applications will be filed this coming Spring 2018 in anticipation of construction in Spring 2019. Planned construction at Exit 36 of I-196 and south to Saugatuck Woods Division will be postponed for the following year.

5. Bronson Follow up-Sunny

Sunny had been in contact with Bronson staff regarding how best to promote their recent \$15,000 gift to the trailway.

6. Dedication Ceremony-Sunny and Rosie

Friends selected Sunday, May 6 as the date for the Blue Star Trail Dedication ceremony. Sunny suggested that a dedication walk be included at the event. There was discussion on hanging a Friends Trail banner on the Boardwalk so people will more readily identify the Blue Star Trail. Sunny and Rosie will work on Trail Dedication. Laura and Dan said they will assist.

7. Annual Campaign- Year end appeal-Sunny and Laura

This year a Holiday Card will be sent used to thank our donors. A timeline has been developed fs

There will also be a giving Tuesday (11/28) email blast sent to our donors as well.

8. Thank you protocol and policy

This item will be tabled for the March agenda due to other pressing issues and projects.

9. Board orientation planning

Jeanne presented a handout of the Board orientation that will take place prior to the next Board meeting. Exact date and venue to be determined.

10. Board accepts resignation of David Dobreff-Motion carried.

11. Motion made to approve new Board members-Motion carried.

Frank Cunningham, Jack Eisinger, and Dan Keller, John Ludlow.

12. Next meeting Date: November 16, 2017 4:00 PM@Casco Township Hall

13. Adjournment