

# **Friends of the Blue Star Trail**

## **Board Meeting – May 16, 2013**

**Present:** Jeanne Van Zoeren, John Adams, Carol Leneway, Jim Van Buren, Julie Werkema

**Minutes** of the April 2013 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** John presented a written report. There have been \$200 in donations from board members and a few new members have joined.

**President's Report:**

A question was raised about whether we should we include people on mailing list who have not officially joined? The overall opinion was that they be included. Jeannie will send an email out to the mailing list asking them to become official members of the FOTBST.

**Board Member Reports:**

Dave and Jeannie will present to the Allegan County Parks Dept. on June 4<sup>th</sup>. They will require numbers in hand regarding how much of the trail will be completed each year as he will need information for county commissioners.

John Adams – Enhancement and Section 106 update. John met with Darrel Harden of MDOT as well as Sigrid the historian for MDOT and Matt Watilia, the Grants Coordinator. John reported that Matt liked the project and liked the connectivity. He is requiring more details. Carol, Jeanne and John are meeting with the South Haven Historical Society regarding potential historical sites along the route. There is still money available under the cycle in which we originally applied until FY2015. So it is imperative that we meet complete the Section 106 and DEQ requirements... Documents will be sent to Sigrid for her review and assistance in advance.

There is a meeting with the DEQ next Thursday regarding the permitting process for the CMAQ funded section of the BST. Holly Vickers is the contact person. This will include discussion regarding stream crossings, wetlands, bridges, etc.)

Safe Schools – There has been no meeting recently with Dr. Herrera.

Jim Van Buren reported on the Lakeshore Harvest Bike Tour. Promotion ideas were discussed and he would like to put sponsors in the new materials. JVB has incurred \$600 in expenses to date.

Regarding the quilt donated by Lisa Krupiarz, John applied for a raffle permit from the State. Carol suggested that the quilt be displayed at various businesses in South Haven. Displaying it at the farmer's market in South Haven was also discussed.

Jim is presenting to the students at North Shore Elementary on bike safety on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He has a kit to hand out from the League of Michigan Bicyclists and also has a video and power point.

The Lakeshore Harvest Ride will now have its starting point at the Kal-Haven Trail instead of the site previously chosen on Wells Street due to the dredging project.

Jim will make a list of volunteer jobs for the ride.

Old Business: Nancy Owen, Vicky Kettner, and Colleen McBride of the Owen Group made a presentation regarding the feasibility study and answered questions from the board.

**Next meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2013, 4:30pm Casco Township Hall**