

Friends of the Blue Star Trail Board Minutes: November 19, 2015. Present were John Adams, Clark Carmichael, Sunny Hall, Jim VanBuren and Jan Blaising, absent was Jeanne VanZoeren.

1. John Adams called the meeting to order and acted as chairman. The minutes of October, 2015 board meeting were read and approved.
2. Treasurer's report was given by John Adams. The current balance of funds held by the Allegan County Community Foundation is \$195,302. Pledges in the amount of \$44,600 are outstanding. Taxes for the winner of the property raffle are pending. There are unresolved fees owed to the company assisting with easements in Casco Township.
3. Easement update: Deadlines are quickly approaching for the submission of grants and time is of the essence in resolving easement issues. The possibility of moving CMAC funds to a portion of the bike trail in Saugatuck Township was discussed. If this does occur, it is hoped that construction could begin in the summer, 2016. The issue of communication with shareholders in neighboring townships was discussed at length. There was a consensus that we as a group need to do a better job of communicating with the citizens who will benefit from a bike trail. This discussion led to the following update regarding the FOBST annual campaign.
4. Sunny shared information re: the letters to be sent for the annual fundraising campaign. In addition to the mailing, it was suggested that the board develops a website video that will detail information about the current plans and progress which has been made. Jim Van Buren noted that an email blast answering queries is planned for December 4, 2015. He asked for input re: question and answer format which would be most relevant.
5. By-law revision was discussed and will be acted on at the December 17, 2015 annual meeting. Input from all interested parties is welcome. Current

board members are asked to nominate interested persons to serve on the board for the upcoming year.

6. Clark gave a brief update on the 2016 Lakeshore Harvest Bike Ride.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted: Jan Blaising