

# Friends of the Blue Star Trail

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 19, 2018

Friends present: Jeanne Van Zoeren, John Adams, Clark Carmichael, Jack Eisinger, Dan Keller, Sunny Hill

Friends absent: John Ludlow, Rosie Burke, Frank Cunningham, Laura Jager

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of the Minutes.**

Annual 2017 Minutes were approved as corrected.

April Minutes- Minutes were approved as presented

**3. Treasures Report- Jack Eisinger**

- Jack reviewed the proposed annual budget for CYs 2018-2021 . Jeanne asked that Bronson Hospital Foundation be removed as a line item and the ACCF donation be reduced to \$3,000.
- Also presented were the estimated engineering fees billed to date along with the costs incurred, costs written off, and estimated fees going forward.
- Also presented were the April P&L and balance sheets  
Following discussion both were approved as presented.

**4. Grant Update-** Jeanne reported that ACCF will be giving us donation check next week. Both the DNR Trust and Transportation Alternative Program were submitted within the last few weeks. We can expect to hear application outcomes from MDOT in June and the DNR in December 2018. In the interim we can expect additional information requests from both.

Per our commitment to MDOT, we will be constructing a 2200 ft. sidewalk from Old Allegan Road and BS Highway going west. We will seek assistance from Saugatuck Township and the Saugatuck Christian Reformed Church as needed.

Jeanne encouraged all board members to pledge going forward to improve the Source of Funds Pledge category as she prepares corporate and family foundations this year. All board members are expected to donate each calendar year. The amount is optional.

**5. Community Outreach Update-**John updated the board members about the temporary walking path through the City of Saugatuck. It will start at Old Allegan and Blue Star Highway in Saugatuck Township and end at Lake Street near the bridge. Bicyclists will use the Route 35 through the city of Saugatuck.

A lengthy discussion ensued about ending the trail at Maple Avenue and Blue Star Highway. It was agreed that further dialogue is needed. John will convene a meeting to this end.

6. **Grand Opening-** The BST Celebration party is scheduled for May 20 at 1:30 at Saugatuck Christian Reformed Church. All of the arrangements have been completed. All board members and their families are strongly encouraged to attend this momentous event.
7. **Communications-** Dan reported that the updated Power Point is completed as are the business cards. Revised pamphlets are ready for printing.
8. **Website-** Clark stated that the updated website is live. Board members should encourage friends and neighbors to take a look. Lots of thanks to the Carmichael Family!
9. **Friends By-Laws revisions-** Those in attendance reviewed the various sections of the document. The second revision will be presented for approval at the May meeting.
10. **Lakeshore Harvest Ride-** Clark reported that this year's registration site is now completed. Committee members are working on getting sponsors and promotion. More committee members would be welcomed to help with promotion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 3:00 PM at the Casco Township Hall. Note meeting time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne L. Van Zoeren

