

**Friends of the Pere Marquette  
Rail Trail  
Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2022  
Midland County Building- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

- ✓ **Call to Order- Maxwell**
  - 5:33pm
- ✓ **Approval of February Minutes- All**
  - Schoenherr motioned, Hobbs' 2nd
- ✓ **Membership Report- Maxwell**
  - Membership staying steady. Currently 171 active members and ~35 lifetime members.
  - 990-n e-postcard was submitted by McCartney 3/1922
  - Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report due October 2022  
McCartney will take care of this as in past years
- ✓ **Treasurer's Report- Stedry**
  - We have a strong cash position with ~ \$81,000 in cash. The Clare GAP donation of \$20,000 will come out of this cash. The 1<sup>st</sup> bike we are purchasing for Senior Services is paid for. The 2<sup>nd</sup> will be paid for in March. Total for the bikes will be approximately \$2,000. Maxwell mentioned buying a 2-wheel bike as well. The liability & director insurance has been paid.
- ✓ **Secretary's Report- Hobbs**
  - None
- ✓ **Clare Friends Update- Kolander**

- Clare meeting set for 4/26/22. They have added 3 more benches on Clare trail. Received a \$1000 grant from Mid-Michigan disk golf for a sign. MDOT extension-meeting 3/14/22, require more surveys, plan to break ground by fall. September 24<sup>th</sup> is Clare Moose Lodge main fundraiser
- Clarecountyrecreation.org is website.

✓ **Midland County Update- Schmude**

- The solar system is out and ready to go. From 7 mile to Averill Creek they plan to fix the culvert 1<sup>st</sup>. It will take about 2 months. The Trust Fund grant of \$300,000 will refurbish the Bailey Bridge. It has taken about 20 years for this to come to fruition. It is part of the GLB trail.
- April EOM they plan to brush hog the trail for 22 miles.

✓ **Howard's Friend Ride- Schoenherr**

- The ride has donated about \$40,000 over the last 9 years! This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ride. We have 34 paid sponsors. Stamas' donated \$1000. The website will be updated with all information.
- John will take care of tables & the microphone at registration. Hobbs & McCartney will help at the tables.
- Schoenherr mentioned that the registration volunteers may not be helping in 2023. We need to discuss this in detail soon.
- The ride will be diverted to the road at Averill (Hope Rd.). Jake will have fire department trucks available, Sheriff's office will be at M-30 & 7 mile from 8:30-11:30am. Dean is at Coleman & Don in Clare. McCartney should have the Clare

signs. 8:15am is the Blessing of the Bikes. Currently at 111 riders. The goal is 300 riders.

✓ **Old Business-**

- Memorial ideas for Joe-Gazebo at N. Bradley?
- Memorial ideas for McInerney
- Maxwell will get with John to discuss in detail.

✓ **Roundtable/New Business-**

- Next year 2023 will be the FPMRT's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! We need to celebrate and bring visibility and attention to us.
- Do we want a newsletter on a regular basis? If so assistance is needed with a list of topics

✓ **Remaining 2022 FPMRT Board Meeting Dates**

- **Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>**- Annual General Meeting- 5:30pm- Location TBD
- **Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>**- 5:30pm- Pizza Sam's

**Attendees:**

Hobbs (via phone); Kolander; Maxwell; Schoenherr; Stedry; Stewart; Schmude

Excused- McCartney

Guests-Jen & Aaron Majorana

**Adjourn: 6:38pm**