

**Friends of the Blue Star Trail
Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Present: John Adams, Jan Blaising, Sunny Hill, Rosie Burke (phone)

Absent: Jeanne VanZoeren, Clark Carmichael, Jim Sullivan

1. August Minutes were reviewed and approved as distributed.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** John Adams reported that the Lakeshore Harvest bike ride of August 20, 2016 generated a profit of approximately \$16,000.00 with some bills/contributions outstanding. The Toast Party had a profit of \$9,559.54. Sunny requested that John revisit that total to insure accuracy.
3. **President's Report:** In lieu of Jeanne, John noted that the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant was approved. He and Jeanne have attended meetings in Saugatuck and Douglas to update commitments to the trail from these governmental units. Patty Birkholz was mentioned as an asset for procuring approvals. John noted that the start date for Saugatuck/Douglas portion of bike trail is being delayed until spring, 2017, due to bids from contractors being significantly over budgeted amount. The options of rebidding and shortening this portion of trail to .8 of a mile were discussed. A board motion was made by Jan Blaising and approved by those present to construct .8 mile of Saugatuck portion of the bike trail at an amount not to exceed \$600,00.00. John will contact absent board members to gain their input. Rosie Burke noted that she feels it is important to demonstrate visible signs of progress to communities and supporters
4. Sunny discussed plans for a gala party to be held on June 19, 2017, at Saugatuck Yacht Club. Invitations will be open to the public and a raffle may be held, with details to be determined. Sunny and Rosie are working to update donor categories. Sunny offered recent information re: Kalamazoo River Valley Trail.
5. John noted that the numbers for the Lakeshore Harvest Ride 2016 were slightly down from the previous year as weather was not as cooperative. Surveys are being considered to gain riders' input.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45, next meeting to be held October 20, 2016