

Thornapple Trail Association Minutes
Middleville Village Hall
March 9, 2015

Present: Tom Ackerman, Mike Gormley, Cal and Jean Lamoreaux, Larry Pio

Call to Order: Chairperson Gormley called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Approval of agenda: The agenda was approved.

Approval of minutes: **Motion** by J. Lamoreaux, second by Gormley to approve February 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No report

I. Old Business:

- A. Trail Expansion North:** Bids have come back at less than budgeted and a groundbreaking will be held soon. Bat trees have been marked and Pio is meeting soon with Duane Weeks to ID those for removal.
- B. East Paul Henry:** Gormley will meet with Krupiarz and Maple Valley School to discuss SRTS.
- C. Website:** Beta site is at <http://thornappletrail.garbonsai.com/> Check it out and offer suggestions for content. Needs links to Barry County Parks and Recreation Maps, Kent County Parks, North Country Trail. Gomiddleville.com, Eaton County Parks, West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition and Michigan Trails.
- D. Barry County Parks and Rec:** No report.
- E. Maintenance Director's Report:** No Report
- F. North Country Trail:** hared that this Wednesday will be open mic night at Delton Hall focusing on animal encounters. He also recognized Ackerman's hiking accomplishments with a most miles in 2015 shirt and a Chief Noonday Challenge Champion trophy as well as a shirt for over 500 miles on NCT in a lifetime.
- G. Fundraising/ Beer Tent:** Gormley is still in need of volunteers for March 28. Busiest time is between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Ask family and friends and get names to Gormley ASAP. He will send out informational email to all volunteers with details soon. Founders has donated "All Day IPA" hats for volunteers to wear and J. Lamoreaux has orange vests. We still need ID checker bracelets and tickets.
- H. Woodpecker Festival:** J. Lamoreaux offered festival brochures to pass out and the golf carts will be more of a shuttle down to active spots so more people can be accommodated at one time.

II. New Business:

- A. Quiet Water Symposium:** Crowd was estimated at over 3,000 and trails were well represented. May have to change name to include non-motorized trails.
- B. Mission Statement:** The new mission statement was edited into final draft form. **Motion** by Ackerman, second by J. Lamoreaux to accept final version (attached) and include it on website and documents.
- C. Final Comments** None
- D. Adjournment:** **Motion** by Ackerman, second by Pio to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

III. Next meeting, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Middleville Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Ackerman, TTA secretary

Thornapple Trail Association
Mission Statement

The Thornapple Trail Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to converting the old railroad corridor between Grand Rapids and Vermontville into a non-motorized multi-use

trail as part of the larger state trail network. Our mission is to act as a public advocate in support of the Trail. As advocates, the Thornapple Trail Association works to gain support of government agencies, local businesses, and private citizens in promoting, constructing and maintaining the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail.