

Minutes of the June 19,2025 Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jerry Flenar at 9:02 a.m. Hilltop's Creekside Cafe. Attending: Flenar, Brooks, Jacobs, Burgoyne, McClellan, Ward, McDonald, Textor, and Wright. Absent: Tuite. Visitors: Eric Kamps and Rich Murphy.

Agenda: A motion to accept the June 19,2025 Trail Agenda was approved and carried.

Public Comments: None.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the minutes of the May 15,2025 Trail Meeting was approved and carried.

Treasurer's Report: None:

City Planning Commission: McDonald reported that Rich Murphy is finalizing the language for the Short-Term Rentals Policy. Registration, fees, etc. will soon be codified for Buchanan. Rich Murphy informed the committee about recently approved MDNR Grants for an ADA Kayak Launch and a reconstructed Boat Launch at Riverfront Park off North Redbud Trail. In addition, Mr. Murphy is submitting two other MDNR Grant applications for a fishing pier overlook and vault toilets at Riverfront Park. The Schirmer Parkway redesign complaints have been answered by Eric Kamps and Rich Murphy, regarding the widths of the Trail and Schirmer Parkway requirements.

Fundraising Event: Ward gave a summary of progress being made on the October 5,2025" Salmon Scramble 5K, Fun Run". Commemorative Coasters designed and created by Ward's friend will be offered instead of T-Shirts. These laser-created (woodburning) commemoratives will be included with the Race Packet which will possibly include ads, coupons, etc. A meeting with the City Treasurer to deal with registration payments methodology will be held soon. A clock will be available on Race Day, but no Timing Mat will be furnished. Starting and Ending points for the Race will be near Memorial Field's Lions Club Pavilion. The route will go down Chicago Street west to the Fire House Park area to join the Trail path of the Race and end crossing the McCoy's Creek walking bridge near the Pavilion. Registration opportunities will be held

on October 4, possibly at the Senior Center or Redbud City Center. Late registrations will be processed at Race Start Site at 7:00 a.m. on October 5. No dogs will be allowed.

Trail Extension: Eric Kamps reported that unstable earth concerns and excess moisture have slowed the progress along Schirmer Parkway Trail path. Grinding off old painted lines on Schirmer and other finishing up issues may not happen until after the Fourth of July weekend (updated from City Facebook). Lots of finish work still required for parking bumper placement at RSJ. Hopefully, the narrowing of Schirmer Parkway will slow down traffic. Guardrail installation must occur before re-opening Schirmer. Budget challenges will not allow all guardrails to be steel. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled to happen at RSJ on July 15 at 6:00 p.m. Separate invitations will be sent to those residents of Schirmer Parkway and River Street who were inconvenienced by construction needs. An opportunity to walk the new Phase 3 addition to the Trail will be offered at 6:30 p.m.

Trail Signage: McClellan has prepared a list of needed signs for replacement of damaged signs.

Berrien County Inmates: The much-appreciated labor of the Berrien County inmates is scheduled for June 25 and 27, as well as July 16 and 17.

Storm Damage: Four benches have been destroyed by fallen trees this past spring. Discussion about who should bear responsibility for memorial bench replacement, if desired, was tabled for future discussion and action.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at a Location TBA. (a week earlier than normal to prepare for ribbon-cutting on July 15). Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Brooks, Secretary.