

Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 22, 2006

- Meeting was called to order and guests are welcomed.
- A motion was made to approve current meeting agenda by Marty Osborn, and seconded by Chuck Mabley.
- A motion was made by Marty Osborne and seconded by John Tarantino to accept the month of June minutes.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley was reviewed for the months of June and July. A bill for \$22. was approved for Ted Gonderts plaque. Motion to accept was by John Tarantino and seconded by Richard Platz.
- The President had nothing new to report
- Trail Commission Meeting (courtesy Chuck Mabley):
 - The Commission did not have a quorum so an informational meeting was held.
 - The Commission reports they had received \$1500. in donations in memory of Ted Gondert.
 - Elizabeth Gondert would like a bike rack by the Bridge. John Tarantino will follow up with a local craftsman to build a special rack.
 - Construction for Phase II and III should start in 2 weeks from the Richmond.
 - The trail head construction in Richmond should begin next week.
 - Asphalt to be completed by October.
 - Crush lime stone from Strickers Bowl on 33 mile rd to 29 mile rd and Van Dyke
 - Bridges to be done over winter.
 - Equestrian trail from Powell to Richmond will be about 8 miles long
 - The Sheriff would like markers along the trail to identify positions from the air.
 - It was suggested a Trail Watch program be started to help with maintance.
 - Ross Park facilities should be finished in 2 weeks
 - Shelby Twp., 24 mile road park should be finished soon.
 - Ford Plant will donate \$5,000. for 3 years for development and maintance of East Pond Creek area including a floating dock and Nature Walk.
 - Discussion was held concerning a \$1.3 million endowment for maintenance of entire trail. Greenways would like a budget set for 15 to 20 years.
 - Phase II and III will have a ground cloth/gravel cover to help maintain weed growth to prevent damage to the new asphalt .
 - Trail sides will be trimmed with new equipment.
 - The next Trail Commission meeting will be 10 a. m. Sept. 26, 2006 at Camp Rotary.
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
 - The architect, Fred Schreiber, who has been working pro bono on the bridge has changed jobs.
 - A letter has been written to Mr. Santoro and Mr. Casasantas to have the Road Commission to allow him to finish the bridge project.
- Peach Festival – Sept. 2-4 (Rich Platz).
 - Marty Osborne and Rich Platz offered to set-up and close down the booth
 - We will need volunteers to man the booth.

- Richmond Good Old Days – Due to the trailhead construction no activity is planned this year.
- Membership Update (courtesy Dave Rumohr)
 - The amount of paid members has remained the same
- Newsletter – We need to find a new Editor. Will put this information on the Web site.
- Historian – Richard Platz would like pictures of Ted's memorial ride to put in the scrap book..
- Jam's Ice Cream – John Tarantino spoke to the new business owners who volunteered to provide ice cream for any special event coming up. Jam's is located on Van Dyke near 26 ½ mile rd.
- Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.
Next official meeting is Tuesday 7 p.m., September 26, 2006 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Dennis Tipsword*
 Chuck Mabley*
 John Tarantino*
 Rich Platz*
 Marty Osborne*
 David Rumohr*
 Al Goetzinger
 Neil Kocsis
 Lee Rumohr
 Tony Hafner

*Minutes prepared and respectfully
 submitted by Dave Rumohr*