

## **Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2006**

- Meeting called to order.
- Agenda approved without changes.
- August, 2006 minutes approved with changes.
- Presidents report: Dennis Tipsword
- Secretary Report: Not available
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley showed an end of the month of August balance of \$5813.04.
- MOTC meeting reported by Chuck Mabley.
  - Dan's Excavating was awarded the trail surfacing. Job was put on hold for a final review by MDOT.
  - The County & Wade –Trim agreed on M53 bridge construction for 2007.
  - Lorraine Stuecken has been volunteering to cutback weeds and trees in her area.
  - The Macomb Orchard Trail Commission will meet at the Shelby Township offices for their next meeting. It will be at 10:30 A.M. A review of weed growth will be held on the trail afterwards. Michigan State Agriculture will be on site to advise. Asian Bittersweet creeping vine can grow 200 feet up a tree killing it.
  - The Trail Head in Richmond is on schedule. Water lines and foundation work are underway. A grand opening ceremony will be held this fall with weather permitting.
  - The adjoining horse trail will go from Powell road to 33 Mile road. This will be approximately 9 miles in length.
  - Trail coordination meeting will be held at the MISD Bldg on Garfield near Hall road. Meeting date is October 10 at 7 – 9 P.M.
  - Construction taking place along trail at 26 Mile near Mound is blocking the trail. (former Johnny Apple Seed Cider Mill). Attorney has been contacted to talk to contractors.
  - Ross park facility will be open soon. Gazebo construction is taking place at a separate site.
  - Ford motor company is donating \$5,000 for each of the next three years. This is for trail enhancements in the area.

- Next MOTC meeting will be October 24, 2006 at 10:30 AM at Shelby Township offices.
- Covered Bridge: Neil Kocsis
  - Reported the need for an Architect to finish the drawings.
  - Will work with Lombardo/ architect to complete the drawings.
- Membership is up approximately 20 members this month.
- News letter Editor will be Lee Rumohr. Articles and contacts will be appreciated. [ldrumohr@comcast.net](mailto:ldrumohr@comcast.net)
- Simonsen Earth Sculptors: Troy and Cecilia Simonsen volunteered to help with the trail or trailhead improvements. Contact was made at the Romeo Peach Festival.
- Al Goetzinger will be provided with the current membership list for FMOT to parallel his work with the Armada Township Parks & Recreation. The township property along the trail is on hold for development. Motion by Dave Rumohr/ John Tarantino
- Historian: Rich Platz. Romeo Peach Festival went very well. We have 8 medium sweatshirts left in our inventory.
- 2007 Nominations /Elections: Up for re-election are Christine Hamilton, Chuck Mabley, Rich Platz, and Dave Rumohr.
- Richmond Ice Festival requested a \$100 donation for their program book. Suggested an Invite to come to the trail.
- Finished portion of the trail needs maintance on grass trimming and trash pickup at Ross Trailhead at West road.
- Meeting schedule may change to quarterly in the future. Meeting adjourned.

*Next FMOT Meeting is Tuesday October 24, 2006 at Camp Rotary, time will be 7 PM.*

Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

Dennis Tipsword\*  
 Chuck Mabley\*  
 John Tarantino\*  
 Dave Rumohr\*  
 Richard Platz\*  
 Lee Rumohr  
 Neil Kocsis  
 Al Goetzinger

Prepared by David Rumohr  
 FMOT Trustee

