

**FRIENDS OF THE MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL
MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, May 23, 2007**

- Meeting called to order. Welcome guests.
- Motion to accept secretary minutes - Marty, 2nd. John - Approved.
- President report: Pancake Breakfast. at Washington Township. Hall- June 3 - 6 AM to noon.
- Treasurer: Balance = \$ 5932.69 Motion to accept - John 2nd. Marty - Approved.
- Romeo Theater - will have script to go along with pictures before movies - Neil.
- Covered Bridge project: Lombardo going to help: (wood, manpower, expertise) Difficulty with the metal support braces?
- Suggestion that info (maps - etc) be put in the signs on the trail - Neil.
- Trail Commission: new trail maps ready & going to printer. Coordinate maps with opening of trail. Trail has problems, T.C. says money is spent. Will cost \$ 140,000 to finish. Problems: wavy - rippled asphalt, not smooth, different thickness, not smooth from asphalt to other surfaces, asphalt not consistent. Discussion on the use of the trail by horses: common use or separate path next to trail? Grants were received. Because of horse trail, FMOT will bring this up to the Trail Commission. Opening of MOT? Richmond trailhead opening may be during Good Old Days celebration?
- FMOT will not get involved nor formally support the Composting problem at this time - Motion - Platz. 2nd. Marty. Approved.
- Audience Participation: Thank you FMOT for your work Concern about trail - People do not know about trail &/or people don't know when it will be open? Concerns about finishing the trail? Recreation trail is needed! Richmond has put in a lot of money and is the real trailhead. Original trail backers - Richmond, Shelby, Washington & HCMA Romeo, Bruce, Armada & Richmond Townships. and Armada? Problems with type of asphalt used, thickness and width of asphalt unfinished areas of trail, and limestone. Trail is not officially opened from 29 mile rd. to 33 mile rd.
- Teddy memorial (John) Bike racks - \$ 400 ea. with purchase of 4 or 5 placed at appropriate places along trail. money for racks to come from Commission from Teddy memorial fund. Motion John. 2nd. Chuck. Approved.
- Next official meeting is Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (* Indicates board member)

RichPlatz*
John Tarantino*
Chuck Mabley*
Dennis Tipsword*
Marty Osbome*
AI Goetzinger
Martha Shue
Nick Shue
Neil Kocsis
Dave Hamilton
Art Crawford