

Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 21, 2007

- Meeting is called to order. Welcome guests.
- A motion is made by Marty Osborne and seconded by John Tarantino to accept May minutes written by Lee Rumohr.
- No treasurer report today. Insurance was paid, we just need to double check the amounts.
- Trail Commission Meeting (courtesy Dave Rumohr):
 - MOTC is now getting a weekly Email update on all progress being done on the trail. All acknowledged communication problems with the architect and contractors.
 - Peer supports are still being worked on near Powell road for the Clinton River Bridge. More repairs were needed on the concrete portion of the bridge supports.
 - Asphalt repairs are still under discussion. Waves over one/half inch are to be repaired. MDOT also got into the discussion with Dan's Excavating and subcontractor Ajax Paving. John Crumm is the lead contact for MOTC.
 - West road Ross Park is now open including the restroom. It was noted that it was out of toilet paper already. A maintenance schedule will be established to cover this.
 - DTE borings are taking place on the trail for a gas line development. The gas barn at 29 Mile and Campground road will eventually close. The remainder of the gas line will be going south along the Edison corridor.
 - Gallo Construction was given approval for a sewer crossing near 26 Mile and Mound. It will be on the abandoned portion of the trail between Mound road and 26 Mile road. This should have little effect on trail use.
 - Shelby Park & Recreation wanted \$25 K to develop a park at 24 Mile road. They wanted to use the Maintenance fund as part of the \$25K. Due to several other developments going on in the Township it is unlikely this will be approved. No action taken on request.
 - Armada Park & Recreation was represented by Al Goetzinger. Reported on trail work at North Avenue.
 - I brought up my previous request to remove the car/truck and other large items left along the trail. Jill Smith will review legal liability issues and report at the next meeting.
 - I requested a review of the 32 Mile road crossing. This needs a center island for safe crossing. The traffic patterns are bad at this location. The Clinton River trail has added islands on several major road crossings. It is easier to cross the expressway than to cross 32 Mile road.
 - The next meeting will be August 28, 2007 at 10:30 AM. Meeting location will be at Camp Rotary.
- We will not be setting up a booth at the Armada Fair this year. John Tarantino and Marty Osborne entertained a motion to not set up a booth in Romeo either this year.
- Covered Bridge – Neil Kocsis talked to Gary Kirsh. There was a stress test done on the plates, but he hasn't heard back on the results. The problem is that we cannot go further until the engineer gives a final approval on design. It is estimated that we will need under \$10,000 and we are hoping that we can get donations.
- John Tarantino found a new source for the bike rack memorial. The new company he found has a better price and will make a rack that looks like a bike. We have to decide where we will put it. We will have more discussion when we see what Romeo does at the 32 Mile area.
- A question on how to make holes for the mile marker signage was asked by Justin Misiuk, Eagle Scout candidate. He was informed that he had to make holes 48 inches deep. Suggestions were given.
- Jim Kaatz was curious what would happen to trees that fell across the trail. He volunteered that in his area of Richmond Township that he would do tree cleanup. Al Goetzinger stated that he would probably just have to talk to Trail Commission and sign off as being part of maintenance crew.
- Al Goetzinger mentioned an article in the Armada Times trying to build support and bring in volunteers for the trail.
- Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Marty Osborne and seconded by John Tarantino.

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton
FMOT Secretary*

Next official meeting is Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Marty Osborne*
Dennis Tipsword*
John Tarantino*
Jim Kaatz
Neil Kocsis
Christine Hamilton*
Al Goetzinger

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