

## **Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 30, 2007**

- Meeting is called to order.
- Chuck Mabley makes a motion to accept September minutes, seconded by Rich Platz.
- Agenda is approved.
- President's report – Dennis Tipsword mentions a letter from Alan Sanborn regarding trail.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley for the month of August shows an end of month balance of \$5,889.63. There was a \$218.60 cost to reimburse the Rumohrs for printing and postage of newsletter. The motion was made by Rich Platz and seconded by John Tarantino in regards to the reimbursement.
- Trail Commission Update –
  - The Adams development has had their lease approved for trail access
  - There have been numerous complaints regarding the surface of the trail.
  - Wade Trim reported that most initial construction was complete when asked by the T.C. on status. The contractors do not get paid until the trail is done.
  - Wade Trim will be at the next meeting to discuss solutions for the surface issues.
  - The meetings are now held at 10:30 a.m. and there was discussion to change the time to 8:30 a.m.
- Historian – Rich was able to supply some pictures for the newsletter.
- Newsletter – (Big Thanks to Lee Rumohr)
- Discussion on Trail Concerns
  - There was agreement that confrontation between the horse groups and bicyclists would be counterproductive and unnecessary.
  - “The core problem is that the trail is not done yet.”
  - More discussion of horse-use of the trail.
  - The Friends group needs to put more pressure on to make sure the trail is completed how it was initially proposed.
  - Question was asked on how the trail got paved up to Romeo Plank when that wasn't expected? This was a mistake and the paving company is expecting pay, but is being told this will not happen. Shouldn't the local community member be paying the extra towards paving? Have community rights been disregarded by T.C.?
  - Dave Hamilton suggests that the press be notified of Wade Trim's story. Since a recent *Voice* article regarding problems, it seems as though Wade Trim's story has changed and it has been fixing the problems.
  - One person mentioned that he feels the issue of the equestrian use of the trail should be put on the T.C. agenda and not just in public comments.
  - The FMOT would like to see more use of volunteers to get work done.
  - It is suggested that Mark Hackel be invited to the meetings.
  - It is mentioned that Armada's Township Nancy Krupiarz is doing a report on the economic advantages of the trail for use by the chamber of commerce.

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FMOT Secretary*

- These following board members are up for reelection: Chuck Mabley, Marty Osborne, and John Tarantino. All but Marty Osborne were able to accept nominations to run again. Chuck Mabley will touch base with him to see if he is still interested.
- Rich Platz makes a motion regarding sending a token of appreciation to Marty, which is seconded by John Tarantino and unanimously and graciously passed.
- We have been contacted by the producer of Get-Up and Get-Out program on PBS. The historian, Rich Platz, will represent us and contact to see what is involved.
- Al Goetzinger added an FYI that in June, 2007 there was a *Times Herald* article with Dennis Tipsword talking about the equestrian use of the trail.
- It is recommended to Dennis Tipsword to have a plan/points to discuss with the Trail Commission.
- The FMOT still needs to take care of Ted's Memorial. There is money earmarked and in the care of the Trail Commission for this. Chuck Mabley will take care to see that the Trail Commission gets the bill to be paid for with the memorial fund. We can store the memorial until the location is ready.
- Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Chuck Mabley and seconded by Dave Rumohr.

*Next official meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at Camp Rotary.*

Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

John Tarantino\*  
 Rich Platz  
 Al Goetzinger  
 Chuck Mabley\*  
 Lee Rumohr  
 David Rumohr\*  
 Dennis Tipsword\*  
 Christine Hamilton\*  
 Dave Hamilton

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