

Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 27, 2007

- Meeting is called to order. Welcome guests.
- A motion is made by John Tarantino and seconded by Rich Platz to accept the month of October minutes.
- A motion is made by Rich Platz to approve current meeting agenda and is seconded by John Tarantino.
- President's report – Dennis says he was unable to attend the commissioners meeting.
- Treasurer's report sent by Chuck Mabley for the month of October gives an end of month balance of \$5,702.36. John Tarantino makes a motion which is seconded by Dave Rumohr to accept.
- Trail Commission Meeting highlights from October (courtesy Dave Rumohr):
 - The meetings are now taking place at 8:30 a.m.
 - The HCMA received \$2,415.00 for maintenance costs of trail.
 - Ford will donate towards a fishing dock.
 - Greenways also donated money towards the trail.
 - There was discussion regarding the conditions of the restroom at 24 and Dequindre.
 - Cost of Phase II and III signage was discussed.
 - Eagle Scouts project for benches was discussed.
 - Wade Trim discussed different surfaces options.
 - Single trail or separate trail, which is preferred for equestrian use, from Clinton River to 33 Mile is mentioned.
 - Stop signs are being looked into since copyright issue has come up regarding stop signs. The cost has risen considerably due to copyright issue.
 - There are Armada planter boxes that need to be redone because they have been built in the right of way.
 - The next meeting will be at Washington Township.
 - The Adams Ice Cream shop has received an approval.
 - There is a cost of \$5,000 from each community that goes towards trail maintenance.

November Meeting:

- It was a short meeting which ended in a trolley ride on the trail.
- There will be another December meeting on December 18 called by John Crumm.
- *We will see about getting a copy of the agenda.*
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
 - Neil is digging into newspapers for donations
- Historian – Rich had a great experience walking the trail with the PBS television show “Get Up and Get Out”. We will see if we can get a copy of this program.
- Newsletter – (Thanks to Lee Rumohr for working on this!)
- Next meeting will be January 22, 2008. We will also hold elections that night.
- Dennis Tipword will reserve the building for us for another year.

- Questions regarding the construction of the bridge over M-53 were raised. It sounds like the construction on this is scheduled for spring of 2008.
- There were also questions regarding how to change the attitudes of drivers towards bicyclists, i.e. stopping behind the white line. Could this be a job for us to spread the word?
- Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Neil Kocsis
Lee Rumohr
Dennis Tipsword*
Dave Rumohr*
Joseph Bolton (guest)
John Tarantino*
Rich Platz*
Christine Hamilton*

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton
FMOT Secretary*