

Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 25, 2008

- Meeting is called to order.
- Welcome visitors Mike Battai, a neighbor of the trail near 32 Mile, and Pat Hill of the Slow Spokes.
- A motion is made John Tarantino to make correction to January meeting minutes (Troy Jeschke, chairman, is of Richmond and Troy Youngblood, vice chairman, is from Shelby). This is seconded by Dave Rumohr.
- A motion is made by John Tarantino and seconded by Rich Platz to approve the current meeting agenda.
- President's report –
 - Attended roll out of trail mapping presentation.
 - Rochester Hills used secondary asphalt material.
 - Oakland County Land Conservancy obtained additional properties.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley showed an end of the month balance of \$5,635.97 for January, 2008 and an ending balance of \$5,612.30 for February. John Tarantino makes a motion which is seconded by Dave Rumohr to accept. John Tarantino makes a motion to reimburse the Rumohrs \$300 towards postage and printing of the last newsletter. This is seconded by Rich Platz and approved.
- Trail Commission Meeting highlights (courtesy Chuck Mabley):
 - February Meeting – Chuck offered the FMOT assistance for clean-up. We'll be on stand-by.
 - Wade Trim wanted Progress statement
 - John Tarantino tried to be helpful by suggesting "No Turn on Red" signage for the trail crossings. Joe Youngblood said it would be checked out.
 - Also mentioned were sections of the trail that are soft between Romeo and Richmond. Suggestions are to use a special resin used in Wyoming that could be used to harden the surface.
 - March Meeting – New Maintenance agreement was approved with the HCMA
 - Updates were made on Phase II and III
 - ITT is clear cutting right of way. ITT is planning on doing major clear cutting. There will be a meeting to find "an understanding" or terms. Time and location of meeting is not known.
 - June and July the M53 overpass construction should be getting underway.
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
 - Neil left message for Macomb Daily. He's working on getting an article written about the project.
 - Dennis suggested looking to the carpenter's union for laid off laborers.
 - The estimated cost is at about \$10,000.
- Historian – none
- Newsletter – (Thanks to Lee Rumohr) She is need of articles by the weekend.
- Bike racks for Teddy's memorial still have the same price. We are considering the park at 32 Mile and M53 which is just "a stone's throw" from Teddy's house.
- We had a Boy Scout Eagle Project presentation by James Murphy of Troop 84 of Richmond. He is making map stations shaped like barns. Rich Platz made a motion to donate the \$175 to this eagle candidate to help pay for the materials. This is seconded by John Tarantino and the motion passes.

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton
FMOT Secretary*

- No April meeting. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Dave Rumohr*
Lee Rumohr
Mike Battai
Pat Hill
Neil Kocsis
Rich Platz*
John Tarantino*
Chuck Mabley*
Dennis Tipsword*
Al Goetzinger
Judy Murphy
James Murphy
Christine Hamilton*