

**Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

- Meeting is called to order.
- Trail maps are now being distributed.
- The Ted Gondert bike racks are out.
- Christine Hamilton and John Tarantino need to make copies of their drivers' licenses and then give to Chuck Mabley.
- Map boxes have been vandalized. We need to check on other boxes to see if they are safe.
- There is a weed problem at West Road that John Tarantino told John Crumm about.
- Treasurer's Report: We have not been reimbursed from the Trail Commission for the memorial bike racks. End of June balance was \$3,434.24.
- Trail Commission Update (Dave Rumohr)—
 - The condition of the bridge at Powell Rd. and the plans for the bridge repair were talked about. Core samples had been taken from the base of the bridge and other places. The test showed crumbling at the foot of the base.
 - Where will the funding come for this? There is grant money left over. A "wishful thinking" timeline puts the completion of the bridge at August of 2010.
 - A map of the construction site showed that it will take working things out with a nearby farmer, property owner, for a work site will have to take place.
 - Another cost is that the fiber optics cable is hanging under the bridge. This will be an additional cost to move.
 - Tim from Hubble, Roth, & Clark say that all the trail samples are doing much better than the original. (Surprise?)
 - For the trail it looks like the one they will use is the same material used on the Clinton River. The 6" deep material would cost about \$459,000 for the 7 mile length from Strikers to the Powell Bridge. It ranges down to \$255,000 for a thinner layer.
 - There is a safety concern at 28 & 29 mile crossings. Weeds need to be trimmed back
 - The Dairy Queen was told not to put any signs along the trail. There will be no private signage allowed.
 - There will be an attempt at plexi-glass boxes for maps to see how they work.
 - The ITC is talking about what property owners will be able to replant in the easement. The plants can be no more than 12 feet high.
- There was more discussion about the purpose of the Friends group. The Trail Commission says that cleaning bathrooms and graffiti would be useful. There are those who feel that the Friends group doesn't have much input at all into the trail.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Neil Kocsis

John Tarantino*

Christine Hamilton*

David Rumohr*

Lee Rumhor

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