

**Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

- Meeting is called to order.
- Neil Kocsis reports that he will repair the West Rd. map box. Its hinges need to be re-welded and he will paint it.
- Thanks to Chuck Mabley, Neil Kocsis, and John Tarantino for filling the map boxes along the trail.
- July's meeting minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report (Chuck Mabley): Sounds like the check is in the mail for reimbursement for bike racks. End of August balance was \$2,505.32
- We were complimented on our website's content by the Trail Commission (Thanks Neil!).
- Discussion regarding sponsoring printing of more trail brochures. We decide since it is so late in the season that we will hold off until spring.
- Grant money will be used to build a Barn Archway near the 24 and Dequindre intersection. We were told that Bill Remer, FMOT and HCMA employee, reminded those in charge to be aware of maintenance issues that could arise from its location.
- There was a meeting with John Crumm and area bike shop owners. Christine Hamilton reported that 3 bike shops were represented and the meeting was a positive one talking about deadlines and how to get the community involved.
- Trail Commission Update (Chuck Mabley)– August and September
 - The bridge project is separate from the resurfacing project
 - The surface option chose was the 6" choice at about \$500,000
 - Romeo Trailhead Park was discussed
 - ITC – no action taken
 - John Crumm reported how there was difficulty in finding a firm to pump the restrooms because of the location. A company has been found
 - ITC wants to top more trees. Richmond will support Shelby and as proposed they will not allow ITC to "trim"
 - Inventory is being taken on dead Ash trees that need to be removed and phragmites, possible inmate program
 - FMOT could be in charge of an adopt-a-mile program?
- We need to come up with ideas to drum up membership. Maybe offer membership deals?
- We could get Master Gardeners involved and possibly schools and other volunteer groups
- What will the Trail Commission provide for signage for adopt-a-mile program?
- Could we add garden areas?
- We feel we need to honor the Eagle Scout who put all the work into the map boxes and not replace them, but repair if necessary.
- October 27 will be next meeting.
- Discussion on getting key for the display boxes for the FMOT to have access.
- Chuck Mabley says he will find out about the key and Christine will put together some flyers for the boxes.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Neil Kocsis

John Tarantino*

Christine Hamilton*

Marty Osborne*

Chuck Mabley*

Rich Platz*

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton
FMOT Secretary*