

**Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail  
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 26, 2009**

- Meeting is called to order. Welcome visitors.
- Presentation by Lego League 2009 – Team 4493. They presented a Research Project: Bike Safety. Their team developed the Ultrasonic Sensory Bike Safety System. It will use transmitters on the bike that send a signal from the bike to a receiver in the cars nearby. The goal is to reduce bicycle crashes with cars and cut down on related deaths and injuries.
- After presenting the troop asked Friends group questions about the trail:
  - Who uses it and how is it maintained?
  - There was discussion about the links of trail in the area
  - Planting trees? Informed them about ITC's harsh trimming.
  - Friends asked them about their product
  - Friendly safety advice was given to the troop including obeying road rules, eye contact, and using helmets.
- Romeo group – Kiwanis is in search of new ways to get involved in the community. In their membership they have several contractors and are willing to work on fundraising. (Dream come true!)
  - Chuck Mabley suggested to Kiwanis that they might be able to do part of adopt-a-trail. John Crumm will be talking to their group. There is a possibility of an involvement in the Romeo Park Project.
- Plans on Romeo Park? Details are being worked on right now by the Commission.
- There was a bike shop meeting with John Crumm and several area bicycle retailers, according to Christine Hamilton. The trail commission seems to be reaching out to different groups to build support.
- Marty Osborne mentioned his Master Gardner connection when it comes to volunteers.
- There was discussion on who the TC members are. The question was asked if Romeo Kiwanis could put a little pressure on why Romeo is not a member of the TC yet.
- Last month's minutes were approved
- Treasurer's Report (Chuck Mabley) - With the bike rack reimbursement "in the mail" the end of the month balance of September is \$2,556.43.
- Trail Commission Update (Chuck Mabley)–
  - Invoice received from the HCMA for maintenance costs of about \$7,400
  - The Friends group reported that we approve of the adopt-a-trail program. They want the Friends to work on parceling the trail. Our check also came for the bike racks.
  - Washington Township is applying for a grant for a connector on West Road. It looks favorable.
  - Wash. Township also had a meeting with ITC and did not give them a contract. Some funding will be lost, but a point was made against the harsh trimming.
  - The county has a man to do a free inventory of the ash trees. There is discussion of which ash trees need to be removed and extensive the removal.
  - Joe Youngblood mentioned an asphalt turn lane at 24 Mile
  - The county has been told by MDOT that the 7 miles that needs to be redone cannot be funded by the same monies that are going to fix the Powell Bridge. The money can't be used for resurfacing the trail since it was already paid for with a previous grant.
  - The more use of the trail means less vandalism
  - There will be new signs at 29 Mile
  - The next meeting is the third Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.
- We need to make sure the Trail Commission is aware of precedents where other trails were resurfaced after original trail surface proved wrong. See if that helps in the funding issue.

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton  
FMOT Secretary*

- Meeting adjourned.  
Next official meeting is Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

Lee Rumohr  
Dave Rumohr\*  
Marty Osborne\*  
Chuck Mabley\*  
John Tarantino\*  
Rich Platz\*  
Neil Kocsis  
Christine Hamilton\*  
Don Hook  
Cindy Hook  
Eileen Shaughnessy  
Brian Adams  
Jennifer Adams  
Eric Flippo  
Jerry Moffitt  
Adam Scott  
Sam Moffitt  
Drew Flippo  
Kevin Shaughnessy  
Carter Jozwik