

**Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

- Meeting is called to order.
- Approve agenda
- Treasurer's report: (Chuck Mabley) April shows a \$4,309.68 end of the month balance. This includes the \$1,885 for the Apple Blossom Run that "passed through" our account.
- Historian – No report
- Trail Commission Update (Chuck Mabley)–
 - John Crumm says that fingers are crossed to have trail completed this summer.
 - A \$250,000 grant is in review process.
 - Landowners will be talked to about encroaching fence and shed placement and enforced.
 - The website is being updated
 - The Campground Road crossing is being looked into
 - \$1.9 million grant is being worked on to bring trail connections through Utica (Sterling Heights – Dodge Park). There are 26 out of 70 miles proposed not complete.
- Reimbursement for Larry Sobczak for \$170.21 for newsletter costs. **Many thanks and compliments to him for taking charge of the newsletter!**
- Adopt-a-Trail – We're going to try to get a couple of groups started taking care of sections of the trail. Possible groups to approach are the bike shops, Hanson's Running Shop, Clinton River Riders, boy scout troops, etc.
- A form has been attained for volunteer release from the county to use for the Adopt-a-Trail.
- Saturday's Meet-Me-On-the-Trail day saw lots of applications for the FMOT handed out. There was 1 new and 25 renewals.
- The Arts and Apples Run in Romeo, contact Dana Colman, says we could put flyers in the bags for the runners.
- We're already out of maps. Marty will pick up more maps from the county.
- June 17's program at the Ford plant will be passed upon due to lack of manpower.
- September 19 is the Romeo 2 Richmond ½ Marathon on the trail. We plan to run a water station or volunteer in another way. A question was asked if there was a website for the marathon.
- Questions regarding Armada Township's involvement on the trail. We found we have a good connection in the recreation director, Matt Goetzinger. There is talk of a park being created along the trail. Are there grants that could be used for that?
- John Crumm reported back that the mulching to be done in Romeo Park area fell through due to the weather.
- We've been told at the next Trail Commission meeting there will be an update on the legal actions taken toward ITC, adopt-a-trail, and MDOT status. There will be discussion of encouraging official membership with other communities and a FMOT update.
- Marty is planning a picnic for the board coming soon.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Camp Rotary. (Not June 22 as normally scheduled)

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Neil Kocsis (website)
Chuck Mabley*
Marty Osborne*
Dave Rumohr*
Lee Rumohr
Christine Hamilton*
Larry Sobczak (newsletter)

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton
FMOT Secretary*