

# Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 28, 2005

- Meeting called to order.
- Motion to approve May 2005 minutes by Marty Osborne, seconded by Chuck Mabley, and accepted.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley show an end of the month of May balance of \$5570.07. Motion for approval was made by Marty Osborne, seconded by Dave Rumohr, and accepted. Chuck requested renewal of Surety Bond for \$124.74 to CNA Surety corp. Motion was made by Marty Osborne, seconded by Dave Rumohr, and accepted.
- Covered Bridge report by Neil Kocsis. Plans currently under review by Anderson & Westrick Associates and Anthony Lyle – Twp. Engineer for Washington Twp.
- MOTC meeting reported by Chuck Mabley.
  - MICHCON Easement approved for boring pipe line under the trail about 10 ft. deep. Fee of \$500 per year for line placement.
  - Bridge security blockade was destroyed shortly after being erected. The barriers originally cost \$6,000.00. The Trail Commission established a separate maintenance account from their General Fund to cover the repairs.
  - A formal Easement Policy will be established for all future trail property encroachments. A separate fee schedule will be established for private, commercial, utilities and municipalities.
  - The Norah & Stanley E. Ross Memorial Park will be added to the West Rd. trail head. Thanks to a \$50K donation by John & Janice Ross of Washington Township. The park will include 18' x 24' Barn roof shelter. It will also include a permanent Porta John (Devap2000). It is a low maintenance water less restroom facility.
  - Three Porta Johns will be spaced out on the paved trail. A \$75/monthly service fee will be required for maintenance for July, August, and September.
  - Trail Rules are under review.
    - Trail hours: 1 hr. Prior sunrise / 1 hr. after sunset
    - Pets on a lease
    - Fires prohibited
    - Firearms prohibited
    - No Segway devices without Handicap license

- No motorized vehicles
  - At 24 Mile Rd. Crossing: parking and rest area location is being planned.
  - In February, a Trail Seminar panel meeting will be held in Dearborn. Motion to attend this meeting approved by Dave Rumohr and Dennis Tipsword. Anthony Casasantas will provide more information at a latter date.
  - The Stoney Creek Relay Fund Raiser for Romeo High School will be using the trail. The trail will not be closed to other traffic
  - MDOT approved for bidding the unfinished portion of the trail. Seven bids were submitted / Four contractors attended. Bids should be approved some time in July 2005.
  - Richmond is doing some improvements to the trail now.
  - Sewer connector at 26 Mile Rd. for the TRW location. HCMA is also interested in sewer project.
  - Next MOTC meeting will be July 26 at 10:30 AM at Camp Rotary.
- Reviewed Michigander Bicycle Ride route though Macomb County.
  - Several newspaper articles related to the trail were circulated. All articles were from the Romeo Observer.
- Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Chuck Mabley, seconded by Dennis Tipsword

*Next official meeting is Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at Camp Rotary.*

Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

Dennis Tipsword\*

Chuck Mabley\*

Neil Kocsis\*

Marty Osborn\*

Dave Rumohr\*

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Lee Rumohr

Prepared by David Rumohr  
FMOT Trustee