

Board Meeting

October 27, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Zoom meeting



Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Board Members Joel Blease, Randy Knapp, Joe Lampen, Dayna McCoy, Brian Timmer, and Alex Wagner, and Kirk Walter.

Determination of Quorum

Approval of July 28, 2020 Minutes

Update on Organization/structure

- In the spirit of having some sort of succession plan for if/when the President steps down, we discussed recruiting a Vice President to fill this role. None of the current board members are able to take on additional responsibilities at this time. There would also be benefits to having one trail liaison who communicates with all of the different trail coordinators and the board, to decrease the amount of work on the trail coordinators. Since we currently have only 1 open position on our board per the ByLaws, we will prioritize finding a Vice President.
- Randy mentioned he is unofficially the liaison to the state MMBA, since he's been coordinating with them for the past few years.

Upcoming Member Zoom Meeting- Meeting will require pre-registration and approval to determine capacity ahead of time. Scheduled for November 9 at 7:30pm. Member email and social media posts will advertise.

Mosquito Creek Trail Update- Alex and Joel provided the update.

- Recent trail upgrades: A 100' wooden berm was built with 6 volunteers and Chad the trail builder. Two bridge abatements were also poured and backfilled. Waiting on the donated I-beams to be completed and delivered.
- The rest of the next phase won't be finished until next spring/summer. Joel is still looking into expanding the parking lot.

Jamestown Township Trail Opportunity

- We did not receive the IMBA grant, but a follow up meeting is scheduled on Thursday.
- There are 4 landowners, so the logistics are complicated. The first lease agreement with MTEC is still needed.

Riley Trail Update

- Successfully trail day on 9/26. Good turnout with more equipment.
- Ottawa County reports the directional by day signage is complete and has asked for help with installation. Awaiting OC for a "go".
- OC refreshed the crushed concrete piles for the next trail day, and they have already been utilized.

Park Township Trail- Joe and Kirk met with Park Township 8/25, where they provide examples of possible features to include. The project will probably not happen until spring due to the large scope and various parties involved. They did agree on a high-level vision.

Owasippe- Randy presented some improvement ideas, and he learned the OOEC retires at the end of this year. After they retire, MEMBA will communicate directly with the Pathway Council.

Bass River- Chuck Moll trimmed the trail really nice. Directional sign and additional features will be added, but the state will not supply materials.

Treasurers Report –Joe provided commentary on the previously distributed financial report.

- Significant contributions include \$3500 for Upper Mac, \$5000 for Jamestown, and a large donation for Mosquito Creek.
- No large expenditures are forecasted for the rest of the year.
- MEMBA is currently 99 members strong.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Dayna McCoy