

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Board of Directors
10/11/2017 Meeting Minutes
Wayne Township OH**

Board Present: Bruce Cortright, Ron Gorley, Paul Morgan, Steve Murphy, Janet Slater, George Stockham

Board Absent: Don Hahn, Mike Dresch

Members and Guests Present: Dick Feldmann, Harold Fix, Manfred Mauer, Eric Wickham, Mary Ann Wendlen

Call to Order (Ron):

Election of New Secretary (Ron): Ron made motion that Steve Murphy be elected to the position of Secretary; Janet did the second. The vote was unanimous.

Introduction of Members and Guests (Ron): see above.

Approval of Minutes from September 13 (Ron): No changes. George made the motion to approve; Bruce did the second. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report - Mike (5 min)

As of 9/30/17

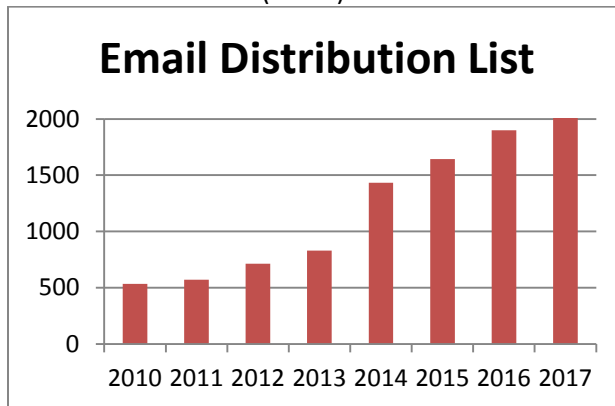
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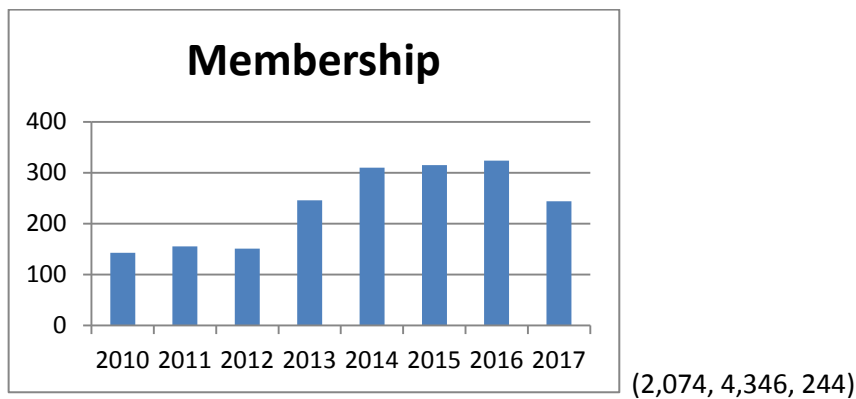
Savings Account \$26,151.14

Checking Account 2,301.93

Total \$28,453.07 All funds are unrestricted

FLMSP Metrics - Ron (0 min)





1,022 Facebook "Likes" and 34 Twitter followers.

ODNR (Ron): Neither Melissa Clark nor Brian Miller were present --- Ron presented in their behalf.

- Ron reported that only 20% of the volunteer slots for the tree blitz are filled. The tree blitz is 15 weekdays from 11/1-11/21/2017. It looks like we won't have a cherry-picker.
- The wood from the tree blitz will be made available to the public at the nearest trail/road intersection. The Kubota or the trailer can be used to assist in this effort.
- The #1 priority is to get the wood off the trail; the #2 priority is to move it to the nearest trail/road intersection.
- There are 3 major culvert issues, i.e. I71, I275, and Beech Road. We continue to try to get ODOT's assistance with I71 and I275.
- Despite Ron's query, we've received no feedback from Brian Miller on the issue of the 2018 Capital Budget.
- The Board asked Steve Murphy write to Gary Obermiller re the KZF Study, the 2018 Capital Budget, and our Case Statement:

Pave the 13.3 miles of the trail (completed in 1983) from the O'Bannon Creek bridge in Loveland to the Todd's Creek bridge in Morrow -- after repairing/replacing all the culverts/bridges and stabilizing the river bank(s) over that stretch of trail. We are asking that this paving project be funded and completed in year 1 of the 2-year 2018 State of Ohio Biannual Capital Budget.

GIS Update (Dick Feldman):

- Great Parks continue to improve the site.
- Dick now has "Edit" capability and continues to refine the coordinates and add/delete features.
- The new address for GIS is <http://arcg.is/1y558q>.

Grassroots Effort for Ohio Capital Budget Request (Steve Murphy):

- Steve is in contact with Representative Tom Brinkman.
- Steve has a meeting with Senator Steve Wilson on Monday October 16.
- Steve will send an email to Gary Obermiller re the KZF Study, the 2018 Capital Budget, and our Case Statement (see above).

Proposed Expenditures:

- Pollinator Meadow (Becky Retzer). \$1,800 for up to 1.75 acres 1 mile south of Corwin. Funds will pay for seeds and signage. ODNR will contribute labor and herbicide.
 - Becky was unable to attend the meeting.
 - The Pollinator topic will be moved to the 11/8/2017 meeting.
- Safety Vests (George Stockham). - The following are being transferred to Foster's cache: XL (2), XXL (5), XXXL (1), and XXXXL (2). Don Hahn proposes an additional 20 to be purchased. While there is consensus on quantity, it is less clear what sizes we should purchase. This issue will be resolved with an email vote.
- Roof-top Volunteer "pizza" Signs.
 - \$61.14 for 1-sided graphics, \$73.21 for 2-sided graphics.
 - Janet has provided updated logos to the "sign guy" (A&A Safety?).
 - Two different quantities have been mentioned, 4 and 10.
 - Ron made the motion we purchase 4 now and order more based on field results. George made the second. The vote was unanimous.
- Magnetic Volunteer Signs. - In need, quantity may be dependent upon roof top sign decision.
 - Ron made the motion to purchase 20 additional magnetic signs; George made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Board Succession Discussion (Ron):

- 5 Board member terms are up in 2018, i.e. Mike Dresch, Ron Gorley, Bruce Cortright, Paul Morgan, and George Stockham. Mike, Paul and George will not run for an additional term.

Open Floor:

- Bruce is going to pursue capabilities, availability, and pricing from outside tree service vendors to take down trees, i.e. Shawnee Tree, F&D. Shawnee Tree has donated services previously.

Adjournment: George made the motion; Paul made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday November 8, 2017, 7pm. Hamilton Township Community Center, 131 US-22/3, Maineville, OH 45039