

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
General Board Meeting 7/10/2024
MS Teams
Meeting Agenda & Presentation_****minutes**

Minutes

Motions

Actions

AGENDA / STRATEGIC PLAN.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. ODNR Report
5. FLMSF Administrative Business
6. Beauty
7. Volunteer Management
8. Amenities/Convenience
9. Outreach
10. Trail Condition & Drainage
11. Safety
12. Future General Board Meetings

Call to Order: Dick Feldmann

Introduction of Board:

Dick Feldmann	President - away
Ron Gorley	Vice President - away
xBecky Retzer	Treasurer
xBill Brown	Secretary
xRick Forrester	Member at Large
xJohn Telintelo	Member at Large
xBruce Cortright	Member at Large

Introduction of Members and Guests:

Casey Marcum	ODNR - away
Tiffany DeChant-Hunt	ODNR - did not attend

Approval of Minutes: Bill Brown

- June Board Meeting, distributed July 2, 2024.

MOTION: Bill made a motion to approve June Board Meeting Minutes

Rick Seconded

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Becky Retzer

FLMSF CASH ON HAND	05/31/24	06/30/24
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Unrestricted	173,849	123,589	-50,260
Restricted	20,051	20,051	0
Memorial Benches	51	51	0
Pavement Fund	10,000	10,000	0
Grandin Rest & Info	10,000	10,000	0
Station			
Reserved	259	50,259	50,000
Pavement Fund	0	50,000	50,000
Pollinator Garden	259	259	0
Savings Account	42,582	42,589	7
CD(s)	133,603	133,951	348
Receivables	65	0	-65
Total	194,224	193,899	-325

P&L Comparison	YTD 6/2023	YTD 6/2024
Revenue	42,922	25,100
Expenses	32,846	33,584
Net Operating Revenue	10,076	-8,484

Treasurer Narrative, Becky Retzer

- Financials emailed to Board on July 10, 2024
- Fermann & Co is working on our tax filing. Should be completed end of July.
- Benevity Renewal due July (done)
- Paid Shawnee Tree \$700 for large tree removal.

MOTION: Becky made a motion to open new CD with LCNB with previous CD maturing on 7/3/2024 with Becky as signator. Dick will be added as second signator when he returns. Currently earning .15 interest. 18 month term at 5.25%. Need to open no later than 7/12/24.

Rick Seconded

Motion approved

Other CD's: Huntington. 50,000 matures 8/22/24; 30,000 matures 10/13/24

ODNR, Casey Marcum, Tiffany DeChant-Hunt

Staffing

- Casey
- Greg

Todd Fork bridge (Morrow MM 28.2)

- Bridge maintenance and painting.
- Trail reopened. Bridge looks great.
- Is it totally finished?
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 7/16/24 @ 2:30 p.m.

Caesar Creek / Middletown Rd. bridge (Oregonia MM 16.5)

- Work started June 3rd and finished June 20th.
- Looks great



Trail slip at I-71 Jeremiah Morrow Bridge (MM 22.1)

- No change.
- Park staff and ODNR Engineers continuing discussions a long-term solution to correct the issue.
- Very likely trail will have to close during construction. Trying to resolve a requirement for a detour during the work where no appropriate detour is available.

Trail slip at Glendale-Milford Rd (MM 50)

- No change.
- Investigating taking on leveling the blacktop as a joint park staff and FLMSF volunteer project.

Trail slip at Gladys Run (MM 4.5)

- No change.
- Slip is within 2 inches of pavement.
- Gladys Run is covered by scenic rivers restrictions.

FLMSP ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Community Communications Manager, Dick Feldmann

- Janet Slater e-mailed her intent to step down as Trail Mail and communications manager in the next year or so. She wants to start working with a replacement.
- We need to start looking for that replacement.
- Please put the word out to your volunteers for a Trail Mail publisher.
- We'll start with word of mouth but will probably also publish official announcements by Trail Mail and through our Volunteer database.
 - Becky sent an email via Volgistics to 8 volunteers who indicated they are interested in marketing.

FLMSP Board Succession

- Ron Gorley has expressed a desire to step down as Vice President in 2025
- In 2025 we would like to rotate the board and officers.
- Please keep an eye out for volunteers who are good candidates for the board.
- Becky has a couple names in Volgistics as potential board members.

Purchase of Mini-Excavator, Bruce Cortright

- Chinese made excavators are available for \$6,800 from Indiana Company.
- Bruce and Rick to visit retailer.
- Vendor will have one soon for Bruce to look at.

BEAUTY

Pollinator Gardens, Becky Retzer, Rick Forrester

- Morrow garden looking good as are the trees.
- MM 19.9 Oregonia Pollinator Prairie
- MM 39.1 under power lines doing well
- New area at MM 38.5.
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S Lebanon Rain Garden, Becky Retzer,

- No Change. Work will start in late August and plants will go in in the fall.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Proposed 2024 Volunteer Events, Dick Feldmann

- Fall Picnic at Morgan Campgrounds for October.
 - Confirmed with the Morgans
 - Meeting with 2 volunteers to help recruit gift cards and gifts.
- Winter Volunteer gift
 - LaRosa's gift certificates worked well last year.

AMENITIES/CONVENIENCE

Information Kiosks, Becky Retzer

- The history and amenity signs on plastic are not handling solar energy well. Becoming brittle.
- Tiffany has asked that we reprint the signs on metal.
- Received quotes from Fast Signs & Evolution Printing. Cost should be around \$3,700 for 28 signs which will include all 3 panels except for Miamiville & Lebanon Spur. Becky would like to redesign the LMSP map to show intersections/road names.

Becky will call Lovelad to see who did their interactive map. She would like to amend our maps to add crossings.

Corwin Parking, Dick Feldmann

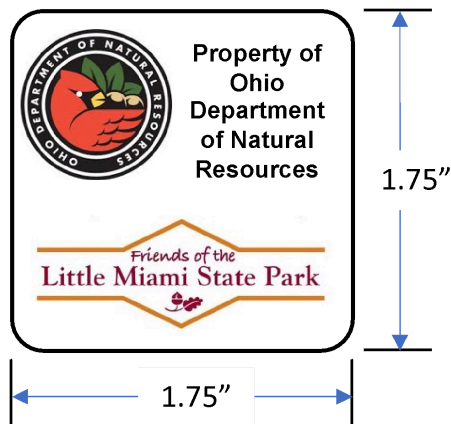
- Steve Williamson of Red Barn in Corwin has our approval to purchase the material and increase the bike user parking in Corwin.

Park Entry Signs, Dick Feldmann

- Proposing new signage at all entry points. Trail has
 - o 33 Major Intersections – Require full sign tree in each direction.
 - o 11 Minor Intersections – Requires just the Park sign in each direction
 - o 2 Terminations – Already has a large park sign but needs the trail and rules signs only in one direction.
- Signs needed
 - o 90 New LMSP park signs
 - o 80 Route signs
 - o 28 Street signs to replace missing street signs
 - o 80 New Rules Signs
- Phase 1. Replace State Park signs
 - o 90 signs have been received from A&A Safety and have started going up.
- Phase 2. Route signs and street signs
 - o Received from A&A Safety and have started to go up.
- Phase 3. New rule signs finalized with Tiffany, Casey and FLMSB board.
 - o Submitted to A&A Safety.



- Security Label to be added to back of signs. 500 received from FastSigns.



King Ave/Grandin Rd/Peters Cartridge factory (MM 35.3)

- Rick Canavan, project manager.
- Projects on hold by ODNR.
 - o Permission given to replace the sign tree.
- Future Amenities
 - o Sign Tree
 - o Information Kiosk
 - o Picnic Shelter
 - o Benches
 - o Memorial to Steve

Spring Valley

- Bike Pump broke again. Will need to order new hose and valve connection.
- **Dick will handle this.**

OUTREACH

Other Outreach, Dick Feldmann

- Little Miami River Festival, June 29, 2024 Noon-4pm Bellbrook. Dick supported.
- TriState Trails Tour de CROWN Expo, August 24th 11:00am – 2:00pm at Fifty West Brewery. Ron will staff a table.
- Greene County Cycling Classic August 22-24, 2024. LMSP minimal involvement this year.
- Springboro Bike the Boro expo, September 14, 2024 9:00am-1:00pm. Need someone to man a table for 4 hours.

TRAIL CONDITION & DRAINAGE

Funding for pavement replacement, Ron Gorley

- Project funding request for \$296,500 was submitted to Warren County Chamber Alliance who submitted to Ohio legislature as 2nd priority on their list.
- We learned that we received \$200,000 from the capital budget to repave between South Lebanon and Morrow. Not our full ask, but enough to make a difference. Already in discussion with ODNR. It will take awhile before the funding is ready to spend. Haven't connected with South Lebanon recently on their wastewater project progress and the repaving that will be included. Have a draft of communication to our distribution list regarding a fundraiser for addition dollars. We will also be soliciting from other organizations for grants and or requests from their membership
- Becky has a volunteer working on a spreadsheet with approximately 50 large organizations/donors to include with our communication.
- Will research GrantStation for possible donors.

Route 42 Bridge over trail at Spring Valley (MM 7.0)

- Bridge Replacement began 15 February.
- Managed by ODOT District 8.
- <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/102746>
- "The interim completion for the project is November 2024, and the final completion is June 2025."

Route 73 Bridge over trail at Corwin (MM 14.5)

- Bridge Replacement began 4 March.
- Managed by ODOT District 8.
- <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/news/district-8/warren+county+bridge+rehab+project+set+to+begin+on+s.r.+73+02+14+24>
- "The Little Miami Scenic Trail, however, will remain open to bicyclists and pedestrians."

- “The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2024.”

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- See above.

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Middletown Road area (Rick Forrester)

- Part of the trail (north of the intersection about 50 feet) is being undercut by either a collapsed drainage pipe or by groundhogs. There is a four inch hole in the east side of the trail asphalt and when you put a stick in it, there is a channel going across the asphalt that looks like it leads to a hole off the asphalt on the west side.. Casey might need to dig up the asphalt to see what is going
- **Holes may be animals or drainage caused.**

SAFETY

FUTURE GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

August General Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 14th on MS Teams.

September General Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 11th **in person**.

Bruce has access to large flower pots like those used at Camp Dennison. Can we use them anywhere? Pots need to be watered making them maintenance intensive. Bruce will give them to Tiffany to decide what to do with them.

Rick: Working on a trail historical plaque project with Gerry York. One at Fosters and one on the history of Little Miami Railroad. Gretchen and Phil Stone own the Butterworth property (part of Underground Railroad) and may be able to provide information.

Picnic will be at Morgan's Campground.

Becky made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Rick seconded.

meeting adjourned