

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
General Board Meeting 8/14/2024
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. FLMSP 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
Ron Gorley	Vice President
Becky Retzer	Treasurer
Bill Brown	Secretary - absent
Rick Forrester	Member at Large
John Telintelo	Member at Large
Bruce Cortright	Member at Large

Introduction of Members and Guests:

Casey Marcum	ODNR
Tiffany DeChant-Hunt	ODNR

Approval of Minutes: Bill Brown

- July Board Meeting, distributed August 13, 2024.

MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve Aug. meeting minutes

Rick seconded

Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Becky Retzer

FLMSP CASH ON HAND	06/30/24	07/31/24	
Unrestricted	123,589	122,888	-701
Restricted	20,051	39,676	19,625
Memorial Benches	51	51	0
Pavement Fund	10,000	29,625	19,625
Grandin Rest & Info Station	10,000	10,000	0
Reserved	50,259	50,259	0
Pollinator Garden	259	259	0
Pavement Fund	50,000	50,000	
Savings Account	42,582	42,589	7
CD(s)	133,603	134,289	686
Receivables	65	64	-1
Total	193,899	212,823	18,925

P&L Comparison	YTD 7/2023	YTD 7/2024
Revenue	51,347	48,024
Expenses	37,667	37,520
Net Operating Revenue	12,700	10,504

Treasurer Narrative, Becky Retzer

- Financials emailed to Board on Monday.
- Fermann & Co is working on our tax filing. Completed – in queue for review.
- Huntington CD due for renewal 8/22/2024.

Motion to renew CD \$51,258 plus add an additional \$25,000

MOTION: Becky made a motion to renew the CD for \$76,258.

Dick seconded

Motion Approved

- **Capital Campaign 07/27 – 08/12: \$40,910.00 (included 2 \$10,000 gifts)**

ODNR, Casey Marcum, Tiffany DeChant-Hunt

Staffing

- Casey
- Greg
- Russ

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 FLMSP volunteer project.
- **Bruce said Prus is the contractor for the city.**

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.

Bridge at US Highway 42

Casey reported work at the bridge at Highway 42 will cause the trail to be closed for 10 days starting Aug, 15th, 2024.

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've identified Diane Wright and Margie Kirkpatrick who would like to work with communications. Janet is meeting with both candidates to discuss their qualifications and explore options.**

Purchase of Mini-Excavator, Rick Forrester, Bruce Cortright

- **Chinese made excavators are available for \$6,800 from Indiana Company.**
- **Bruce and Rick visited retailer.**
- **Indiana Company gets the equipment from Oklahoma**
- **There are three options:**
 - 1: Quick change mechanism w/bucket - small**
 - 2: Large claw & hook**
 - 3: Hydraulic thumb**
- **Price quote \$8,800**
- **No delivery charge**
- **Have to be careful to make sure the excavator doesn't flip. We will need to check FLMSP insurance.**
- **Will need a trailer that can handle the excavator weight. 10'-12' trailer**
- **Trailer price about \$3,500, or \$1,000 less for a used one from Meyers Trailers.**

- Will need to set up training for this new equipment.
- Total expense estimated at (\$9,000 + \$3,000) = \$12,000

MOTION: Rick made a motion to put down a \$1,000 deposit

Dick seconded

Motion Approved

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Proposed 2024 Volunteer Events, Dick Feldmann

- Fall Picnic at Morgan Campgrounds for October 6th.
 - o Confirmed with the Morgans
 - o 1:00 - 3:00 Sunday, Oct. 6th
 - o Meeting with 2 volunteers to help recruit gift cards and gifts.
- Winter Volunteer gift
 - o LaRosa's gift certificates worked well last year.

AMENITIES/CONVENIENCE

Information Kiosks, Becky Retzer

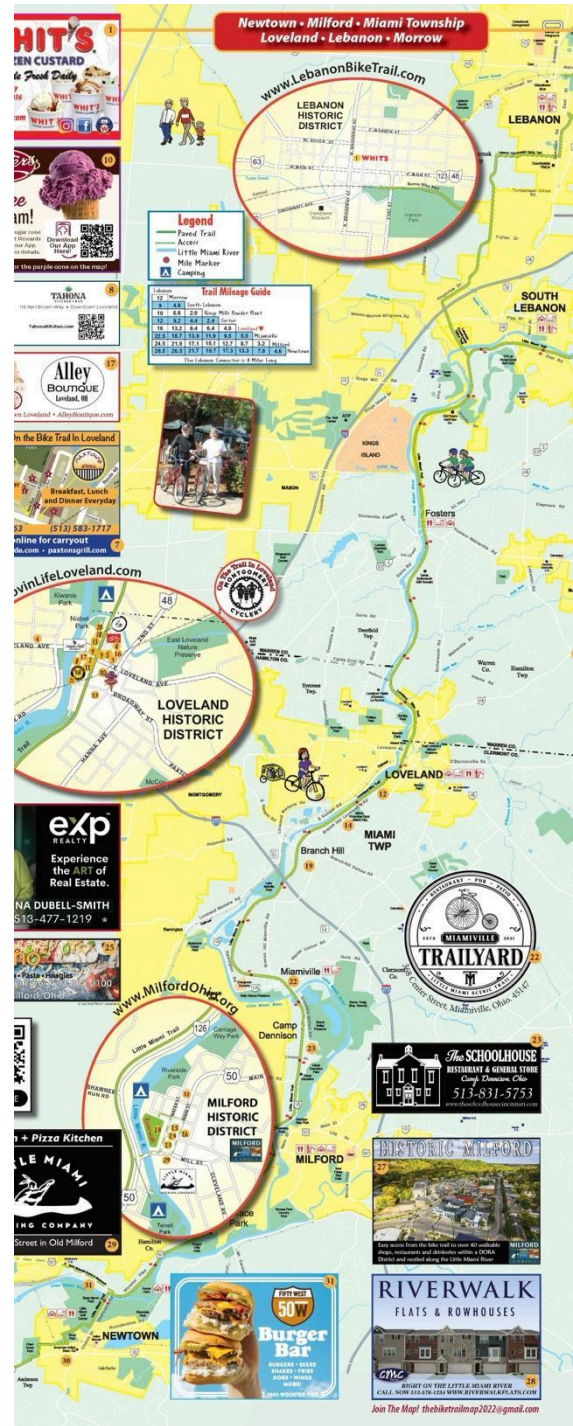
- Still working on replacement plans for the history and amenity signs.
- Cost should be around \$3,700 for 28 signs which will include all 3 panels except for Miamiville & Lebanon Spur.
- **New Map – Contact made with John Robinson, designer/owner of the Loveland Bike Trail Map. Inquired if he would be willing to extend the map to include Morrow to beyond Spring Valley. He quoted \$600 for the additional map work and then to create posters to fit our 2 different kiosk sizes and additional 650 (the actual graphic work without advertisement). The map would only be used in our kiosks and website but cannot be printed for brochures. Would have coloring the same as our history poster & informational poster to make the 3 panels consistent with our branding. Becky would like to redesign the LMSP map to show intersections/road names.**
- **Need map to extend to Xenia printed on metal.**

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. Majority are up.



- Phase 2. Route signs and street signs
 - 80 route signs and 28 street signs received from A&A Safety and have started to go up.
- Phase 3. New rule signs finalized with Tiffany, Casey and FLMSB board.
 - Provided 49 reconditioned sign backs to A&A Safety.
 - Received 20 signs, provided to Bruce to start going up on south end of trail.
- Since my original survey, additional signs have “disappeared” (pilfered) from the trail. Will need to make a final order with A&A.

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

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

Spring Valley

- Bike Pump broke again. Will need to order new hose and valve connection.

TRAIL CONDITION & DRAINAGE

Funding for pavement replacement, Ron Gorley

- We learned that we received \$200,000 from the Ohio capital budget to repave between South Lebanon and Morrow. (FLMSB has committed \$50,000)
- We started a major campaign out to our Constant Contact list with a goal of \$100,000. Have already received **\$40,910**.
- **UPDATED AMOUNT: \$50,910**
- Dick submitted a grant request to Cincinnati Cycle Club for \$5,000.
- Becky has a volunteer working on a spreadsheet with approximately 50 large organizations/donors to include with our communication.
- Will research Grant Station for possible donors.

Route 73 Bridge over trail at Corwin (MM 14.5)

- Rt. 73 closed August 8th through August 29th for demolition on Phase 2.
- “Contractor for the 73 project will have closures of the Trail for a few days starting August 8th”
- 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 project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2024.”

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

- They are still working on the east bound side.
- 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."

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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.
- **Undercut has caused a hole in the trail.**
- **Casey said to use colored tags, flags or tape to alert her of trail problems that need ODNR attention.**

OUTREACH

Morrow, Becky Retzer

- Becky will attend next council meeting. Future plans may include a Railroad History Museum using the railroad car on ODNR property. Researching grants and verifying who owns the car.

Train Rail, Rick Forrester

- 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.

Other Outreach, Dick Feldmann

- Morrow Todd Fork bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, July 16th 2:30pm. Dick supported.
- TriState Trails Tour de CROWN Expo, August 24th 11:00am – 2:00pm at Fifty West Brewery. John and Bruce will staff a table.
- Greene County Cycling Classic August 22-24, 2024. Friday routes will be in the park from Xenia to Cartridge Factory.
- Springboro Bike the Boro expo, September 14, 2024 9:00am-1:00pm. Need someone to man a table for 4 hours.
- **Dick will cancel our participation in this event.**

BEAUTY

Pollinator Gardens, Becky Retzer, Rick Forrester

- Morrow garden looking good as are the trees.



- MM 19.9 Oregonia Pollinator Prairie
 - o Working with Christopher on his Eagle Scout Project. Christopher will submit a drawing of a proposed pollinator educational garden featuring plants that were beneficial to the Hopewell in our area. He will be responsible for the planning, implementing and coordinating our volunteers & his troop to prepare, plant, install signage. Writing to the Fleschman Foundation for a contribution to help cover the cost of plants & signage. Christopher will raise funds for the mulch for pathways and wood for signage.
- MM 39.1 under power lines doing well
- New area at MM 38.5.

S Lebanon Rain Garden, Becky Retzer,

- No Change. Work will start in late August and plants will go in in the fall.
- **Work will now start in mid September.**

SAFETY

FUTURE GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

September General Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 11th in person.
Fall Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, October 6 at Morgan's Campground.

MOTION: Dick made a motion to adjourn.

Rick seconded

Meeting adjourned