

**September 28, 2014 Board Minutes for Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Milford, Ohio 45150**

Present: Steve Murphy Don Mills, Aaron Rourke, Simeon Copple, Roger West, Bruce Cortright, Mike Dresch and Maxine Fischer

Absent: Paul Morgan

Secretary's Report; A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Don to accept the 6/27/14 board minutes. All approved

Treasurer's Report by Mike Dresch; Bank balance \$39,579

OLD BUSINESS:

INVASIVE VEGETATION CONTROL: Jim Mason was invited to the board meeting to give a short review of where we stand in the control of the invasive species along the trail.

Don made a motion to continue with the three year plan of herbicide spraying (cost to \$6,200, with ODNR supplying the herbicide). Mike seconded the motion. All approved.

Aaron posed the question of posting the information regarding sprayings for the trail users. It was decided that we would get more information from the state and make a decision on a later date.

INSURANCE: Simeon Copple

Simeon has been talking with our insurance agent about upgrading our D&O insurance and general liability. Crime coverage was also discussed.

Don made a motion to upgrade our liability insurance and to add crime insurance to our policy at a cost of \$21 for liability and \$174 for the crime insurance. Mike seconded the motion, all approved.

TRAIL ENTRANCES: Steve Murphy

When a new entrance is added to the trail from a hillside subdivision more sediment fills our ditches and overflows onto the trail. Some of the new entrances are poorly designed. The last developer only paid a \$1200 fee to the state to get permission for his entrance to the trail.

Aaron will prepare a resolution to send to the state. Hopefully we can influence the state to make some changes in the requirements for any future trail entrances. The board will discuss the resolution and vote on it at our next meeting.

REST AND INFORMATION CENTERS: The next RIC will be built at the South Lebanon entrance to the trail. We have an Eagle Scot that will be doing this job. A port-a-let is already there, the rental cost is split between FLMSF and the Village of South Lebanon.

REPURPOSE ODNR STOP SIGNS: Don Mills and Aaron Rourke

The board was presented with pictures of the new designs for signs to be placed at 49 intersections along the trail. The signs have FLMSF logo and the following; 1st line WHEN PASSING SAY, "ON YOUR LEFT". 2nd line, " WHEN STOPPED, GET OFF TRAIL 3rd line, OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS. Our hotline number is at the bottom.

The colors will be either yellow or green. Two designs will be printed on paper and presented to trail users in Loveland. We want to get feedback from trail users before making our decision on the color.

NEW BUSINESS

POWER BRUSH RENTAL: After a discussion the benefits of a power brush to remove the debris at the edge of the trail, Don made a motion to approve up to \$300 for brush rental. Aaron seconded the motion, all approved.

BACKHOE: A backhoe is needed to clear the upper end of culverts. The backhoe rents for \$325 per day. Mike made a motion to approve up to \$1300 for backhoe rental, motion seconded by Don, all approved.

RENTAL UNIT FOR BLOWER: Don has been checking on rental space near Morrow. This space may also contain a cache. Don made a motion to approve up to \$200 for four months, Roger seconded the motion, all approved.

A motion made by Aaron and seconded by Don to adjourn, all approved.