

**September 21, 2015 Board Meeting
Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Loveland, Ohio 45140**

Present: Steve Murphy, Don Mills, Mike Dresch, Janet Slater, Paul Morgan, Bruce Cortright, Aaron Rourke, Rich Easterly, Don Hahn and Maxine Fischer

Absent: Roger West

Secretary's Report: Maxine Fischer

Motion made by Aaron, seconded by Paul to accept the minutes as presented. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Dresch

Savings account\$40,062.81

Checking account....\$19,344.18

Total on hand.....\$59,406.99

Restricted funds; (Loveland Kiosk) \$5,000, (Interact for Health) \$13,520.05.

Guest

Out guest was Brian Miller, the Southwest District Manager with ODNR. The FLMSPP Board members spent 45 minutes in a Q&A session with Mr. Miller. One of the topics was the money that was approved last year by the State for improvements on State Parks. FLMSPP needs to know if there will be any money for repaving. Mr. Miller quoted \$3,300,000 to be allotted for the Little Miami State Park. He expects the **stream stabilization** will cost about \$3,000,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Honeysuckle Maintenance:

Don Mills made a motion to continue with the honeysuckle spraying at a cost not to exceed \$5200. Aaron seconded the motion, all approved except for one member.

Paul Morgan said we should hold off on the spraying for a while.

REVISION OF MILEAGE POLICY FROM 9/21/12

Mileage Reimbursement Policy: Mike Dresch

This provides fair reimbursement to those who travel over and above the normal number of miles doing trail blowing and doing work that involves the entire trail.

If desired, a volunteer conducting business of the organization may submit a Reimbursement Transmittal Form which includes the date, the number of miles driven for the trip and the purpose for the trip. This must be approved by a Board member other than the Treasurer and then submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

The standard IRS rate of 57.5 cents per mile will be the FLMSP current rate until that the policy is revised.

Reimbursement will not apply to miles driven to/from a volunteer's home to the trail segment unless work extends beyond the volunteer's regular segment.

Don Mills made a motion to approve the change, Maxine seconded the motion, all approved.

Meal Reimbursement Policy: Mike Dresch

There should be no reimbursement of meals for FLMSP volunteers and Board members *except for*:

1. The Annual Meeting of the membership.
2. Work parties of groups from outside the organization when approved in advance by two Board members.
3. Volunteer consultants when working on the trail with approval in advance by two Board members.
4. Attendance at meetings of other organizations which require the purchase of a meal with approval in advance of two Board members.

Rich made a motion to approve this policy, Janet seconded the motion, all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment Rental: Bruce Cortright made a proposal for the allocation of funds up to \$5,000 to cover the expenses of contractor to remove dirt and debris from two culverts south of I-275 Bridge and one culvert north of Salt Run.

FLMSP has invested \$500 for rental of a backhoe to open these culverts. Without this additional work the culvert inlets will eventually fill back in.

The rental would include a Vactor truck, flusher unit and a 2 man crew to operate the equipment. Rental rates of \$242/hour have been quoted. The estimate to clean the two culverts south of I-275 Bridge should take no more than 8 hours. The culverts north of Salt Run may need a special unit that can cross the trail bridges, which will make this project more challenging.

Paul suggested that work be contingent upon checking with the State engineer regarding the maximum weight the bridge near Salt Run can handle.

Don Mills made a motion to accept this proposal with the contingency, Maxine seconded the motion. All approved.