

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park  
Board of Directors' Meeting 10/13/2016  
Wayne Township, OH**

**Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Ron Gorley

**Introduction of Members and Guests - Ron**

Present: Mike Dresch, Ron Gorley, Don Hahn, Paul Morgan, Steve Murphy, Aaron Rourke, Janet Slater, George Stockham

Absent: Bruce Cortright, Rich Easterly

Guests: Ken Elliot (ODNR), John Wiley (KZF), Tony Blizniak, Tom Cray, Dennis Lewis, Phil Obermiller, Debbie LaVoie

**Approval of Minutes from August 30 - Ron**



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George motioned to accept the minutes from the 8-30-2016 Board meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

**KZF - John Wiley**

1. **Fort Ancient:** Work on Phase 1 is at least 3 days ahead of schedule. Trail is being lowered to decrease the slope to the river; trail grade to lowered portion will be only 2%. A 40-foot-long bridge will be built. Phase 2 will begin next fall following the permitting process.
2. **Greene County:** A section of trail one mile south of Hedges Rd. was closed this week for stream stabilization prep work. Stabilization work may begin week of Oct. 17 and will be completed before the end of the year.
3. **Shawnee Run emergency project:** Digging down 25 ft. to access the culvert has just been completed. Another contractor will be stabilizing the pipe. Trail will probably need to be closed 2 more weeks.
4. **Paving:** Area to be paved is from O'Bannon Creek south to Miamiville. Prep includes replacing 2 culverts and cleaning certain ditches to Newtown. Paving in downtown Loveland will add 2 feet of width to the park side of the trail. Work expected to begin about Oct. 24.

Dennis Lewis asked about plans for Greene County leasing its section of trail from ODNR. Ken Elliot and Ron indicated the change will probably not take place for at least another year until current projects in that area are completed.

**Accident on Trail and John's Resignation - Ron**

**Resignation:** Ron acknowledged that John Theuring has resigned from the board. He recommended we not replace him until further discussion about the number of board members needed. Paul Morgan recommended discussing the FLMSPP Strategic Plan and board positions at the next board meeting.

**Accident:** Ron suggested requiring training in safe practice for pole saw use. Discussion followed about the cause of the accident and what should be done to prevent a similar accident in the future. The consensus was that the main cause of the accident was the lack of a dedicated safety watch while a limb was being cut over the trail. George and others stressed that safety must be the top priority, and any activity that might create a hazard to trail users requires an active safety watch.

### Hotline Calls - Aaron

Aaron described the process used when a call comes to the 3 phones carried by Mike, Ron, and himself. No changes were recommended except stressing the need for communication among the three responders.

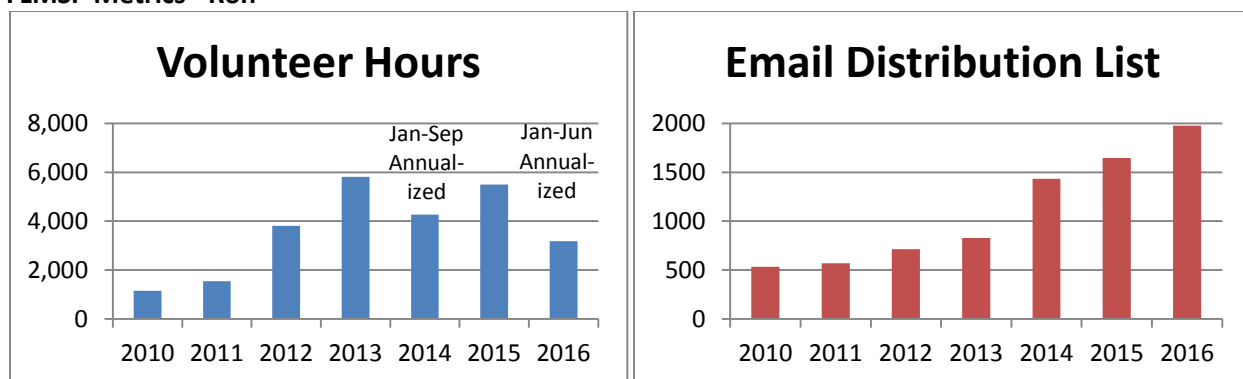
### Treasurer's Report - Mike

**As of 10/7/16**

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| Savings Account  | \$40,111.21        |
| Checking Account | <u>8,864.24</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$48,975.45</b> |

### Board's Fiduciary Role – TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

### FLMSP Metrics - Ron



### Current Membership - Steve (10 min)

- This year after initial mailing asking for memberships, we didn't do a follow-up email.
- This year we have 217 memberships to date versus 315 as of 12/31/2015 --- a difference of 98 memberships.

The board agreed to send an email to those contacts who did not renew this year requesting a year-end donation. George offered to write the email and send to Janet for editing and distribution. We will send an email at the end of November to all of our contacts informing them of the change in the membership year from spring-spring to Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 while soliciting memberships for 2017. Any donations from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited to 2017 membership.

### Ebike Initiative - Steve



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Phil Obermiller asked the Board to support and be a signatory on a proposed change in Ohio law that would allow Class 1 electric bicycles to use trails that prohibit motor vehicles. Motion made and seconded to include FLMSP as a supporter of the legislation; motion carried.

### Meeting Schedule for 2017 - Ron TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

**Motions - TABLED FOR EMAIL VOTING**

- To dispose unusable equipment: the undersized chipper and the difficult to use tar melter/applicator (both were given to FLMSP). (Don)
- To store FLMSP trailer and blower in the Train Stop barn. (Don)
- To rent a backhoe for 3 days for fence removal work at Camp Dennison. (Bruce)

**Autumn Blast Half Marathon Quick Announcement - Don**

- Volunteers still needed for Saturday by 7:30 am at Rogers Park in South Lebanon

**Double Yellow Line Painting - Don**

Don Hahn motioned to hire Southwest Ohio Services to paint double yellow lines on the trail 100 feet from each road intersection in Warren and Greene Counties at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

George seconded motion

Motion carried

**Count Data - FYI only, no discussion**

- Tracking for 1.2+ million uses in 2016



Count Data through  
August.pdf

**Interact for Health Grant - \$6000 FYI only, no discussion**



Interact for Health  
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**Motion to Adjourn – Don Hahn. Janet seconded. Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting -**

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| November | 9 | Wed | 7 pm | Hamilton Twp<br>Community Center | 131 US-22/3<br>Maineville, OH 45039 |
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Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Slater