

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Board of Directors' Meeting 6/14/2017
Wayne Township, OH**

Call to Order – Ron

Board Present: Ron Gorley, Paul Morgan, Janet Slater, Steve Murphy, George Stockham, Don Hahn, Bruce Cortright

Board Not Present: Mike Dresch

Introduction of Members and Guests

Guests: Pete Hostetter, Rod Gossett, Ed Kramer, Pat Haley, Dick Feldman, Jon Wiley with KZF Design Inc., Jim Mason with Horticultural Management Inc.

ODNR: Melissa Clark, Brian Miller, Gus Smithhisler.

Great Parks of Hamilton County: Margaret Minzner

Minutes from May 10 meeting were approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

As of 5/31/17

Cash On Hand:

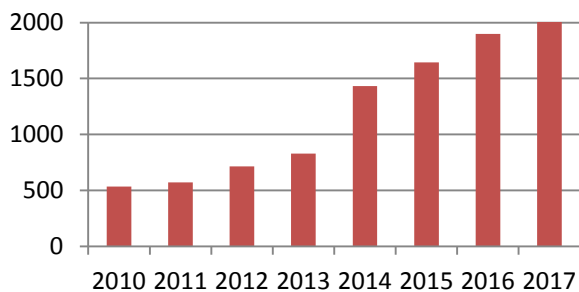
Savings Account \$26,140.26

Checking Account 11,337.26

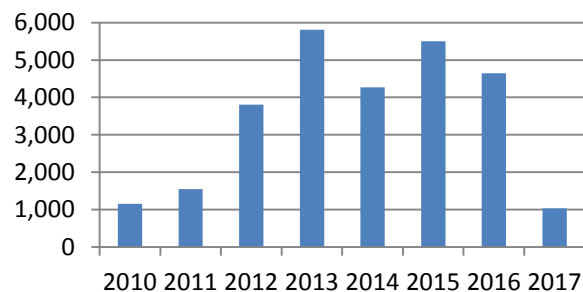
Total \$37,477.75 All funds are unrestricted

FLMSP Metrics - Ron (0 min)

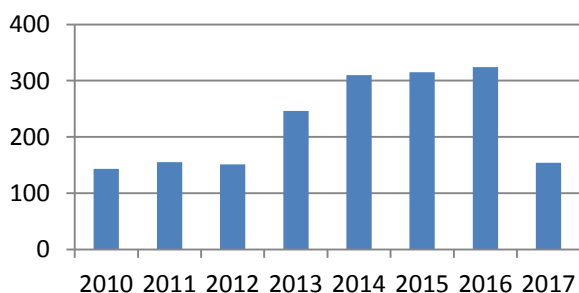
Email Distribution List



Volunteer Hours



Membership



929 Facebook "Likes" and 20 Twitter followers.

ODNR - Melissa

- They now have one part time employee, Randy Taylor, working on the trail and are still trying to fill a vacant position for another part time employee.

ODNR Master Plan



Final Master Plan
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Jon Wiley reviewed status of items on Master Plan. Phase 2 of the Ft. Ancient bridge and stabilization project has not yet been let out for bid. The issue with bridge just north of Beech Rd. is rotted timbers under the asphalt paving (same is true of bridge over O'Bannon Creek on north edge of Loveland); bridge collapse is not a concern. Storm water capacity of culvert under Beech Rd. is a township issue. Widening the trail to 14 feet between Loveland and Stubbs Mill Rd. is proposed due to high trail usage. Jon explained that costs are much higher for trail repaving since only about a mile can be paved per day versus 3 or 4 lane miles for open roadways.

Gus said the best approach for getting capital project funds for the trail was by working with the state legislature since LMSP is not a priority. He suggested working with key legislators who are parks friendly. He added that ODNR Director Zehringer "has the ear of the governor." Brian said he was ok with our going directly to Mr. Zehringer.

Gus was unhappy that FLMSF statements that the nearly 8 miles of repaving recently completed south of Loveland were paid entirely by a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. He clarified that the grant covered only about \$360,000 while ODNR capital funds paid the remaining \$500,000 for the project. FLMSF will publicly make a correction about the misunderstanding. He felt that cooperating with local governments and non-governmental agencies was key to obtaining grants. ODNR will soon be putting together their FY 19/20 capital improvement budget request; there is none for FY 18/19. He urged FLMSF to lobby for more ODNR maintenance budget dollars as well.

Melissa is in process of requesting ODNR "southern construction" crew help with the top 4 or 5 trail projects.

Great Parks of Hamilton County GIS –

Margaret Minzner reported that a "public" map of the trail that would include things like restrooms, kiosks, benches and tables should be ready for use by August. Steve will work with Margaret to finalize the public map. The board expressed desire for a "demo" of the map before it is released to the public. Melissa added that ODNR has been working on something similar and will send her "schema" of that to Margaret.

Funding Requests -

- Bruce moved and Ron seconded George's EADS proposal for replacement of the fence at MM 31.5 at a cost not to exceed \$3200. The motion carried.
- Vests, Quick dry shirts will be discussed at a future time. Board members were asked to send inputs to George.

Board Succession Planning -

- Currently operating without a Secretary, despite recruiting efforts
- Ron announced that he will no longer serve as president after 2018 board election and Paul announced that he will not be running for the board in 2018.

Adjournment – George moved and Ron seconded. Carried.

Next Board Meeting -

July 26, 2017, 7pm. Hamilton Twp Community Center, 131 US-22/3, Maineville, OH 45039—confirmed