

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Board of Directors' Meeting 2/14/2018
Wayne Township, OH**

Call to Order – Ron

Present: Ron Gorley, Don Hahn, Bruce Cortright, Mike Dresch, George Stockham, Janet Slater (by phone). **Absent:** Paul Morgan, Steve Murphy. **ODNR present:** Melissa Clark

Introduction of Members and Guests - Ron (5 min)

Linda Buschmann, Fritz Buschmann, Tom McCray, Dick Feldmann

Approval of Minutes from January 10 - (5 min)

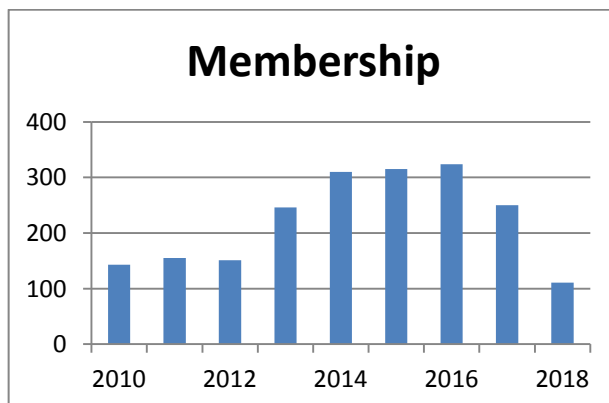
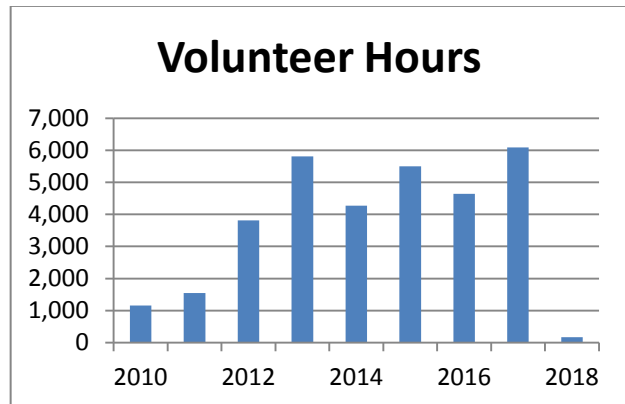
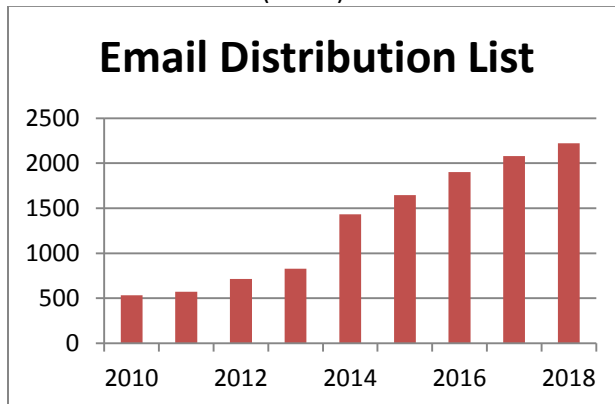
Motion to accept by George, seconded by Don. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mike (10 min)

As of 1/31/2018		
Cash On Hand:		
Savings Account	\$22,158.42	
Checking Account	<u>10,103.14</u>	
Total	\$32,261.56	All funds are unrestricted

- Insurance policy from Atlantic Casualty (Francis and Mannerino agent). New annual premium is \$2,965.32.

FLMSP Metrics - Ron (0 min)



(2,221, 169, 111)

1,072 Facebook "Likes" and 43 Twitter followers.

ODNR Update - Melissa Clark (30 min)

- Finalizing the tree blitz. Ron and Melissa toured from Corwin to Loveland on January 11 to determine which berm areas will be cleared by ODNR and which areas will be cleared by FLMSP. Details have been communicated. South Lebanon is clearing the berm from Stubbs Mill to Grandin. In conversation with Loveland whether they can help clear the berm north of Loveland. It is okay to shorten high stumps left behind.
- Southern Construction Crew has run the articulated mower from Hedges to South Lebanon over these past three weeks. Plan is to continue all the way to Terrace Park. Once to Morrow, Tom McCray will arrange for the blower to clear from Hedges to Morrow.
- Phase II Capital has been approved by the State Assembly. These projects are now fully funded:
 - Spring Valley permanent reroute (spring - prior to Memorial Day)
 - Ft Ancient tension cracks repair and reroute (spring - prior to Memorial Day)
 - Spring Valley bank stabilization (fall - hopefully after Labor Day)
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 - Contractor is allowed to close the trail for up to two weeks for each of these four projects. Melissa will notify Janet when closures are known.
- Confirming July 8, August 3 and September 2 dates for ODNR floats. Website registration is currently being set up with proceeds being directed to FLMSP. FLMSP then provides and serves snack or lunch.
- ODOT expected to work on Rte 48 grading this winter
- ODOT cut a ditch high on the hill around I-71. Need to monitor to assess effectiveness.
- No new news regarding ODOT work at the I-275 overpass.
- Survey stick are on the trail for the Rte 73 bridge replacement and Warren Co. water line work. Expect survey markers in the near future at Grandin for the new bridge that is scheduled for 2022-23.
- The Strout Rd bridge repair work will begin on February 28 and is expected to finish mid-June.

Community-Based Capital Request for Repaving - Ron (10 min)

- Senator Wilson's office confirmed they have received many letters of support for our request. They will keep us apprised periodically until the process is complete. Email from his office suggests the process will continue for a few more weeks.

Expenditures for Consideration (10 min)

- Email voting for expenditure of \$450 to pay for contractor to remove a large Sycamore tree near Terrace Park. Motion passed by a vote of 5-1 on February 7. Work is scheduled for Feb 22.
- Stihl M211 chainsaw that was approved in January has been purchased and used.

Trees Close to the Trail

- From Don's bump grinding, he has identified (23) trees within 5 ft of the trail and (36) additional trees between 5 and 10 ft of the trail. He will survey their location.
- Consensus to prioritize any future tree removal in the areas that were just repaved and the areas that will be repaved.
- Melissa will ask whether tree roots can be chemically treated to prevent future growth.

GIS - Dick Feldmann

- Margaret Minzner, our contact at Great Parks of Hamilton County, has resigned and now is with OKI. Dick will research further and make a recommendation whether we stay under the Great Parks GIS umbrella or obtain an independent license.

Recent Awards - Bruce

- Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce Environment and Education Finalist
- Little Miami Chamber Alliance Sustainability Award
- Tom McCray will scan and send to Janet for inclusion in an upcoming issue of TrailMail

Annual Membership Meeting - Ron (10 min)

- May 6 at Foster's Point clubhouse at 5 pm.
- The following people have volunteered to run for officer positions: Steve Murphy - President; Ron Gorley - Vice President; Janet Slater - Secretary; Dick Feldmann - Treasurer. The following people have volunteered to run for at-large positions: Bruce Cortright and Rick Forester. Don Hahn has one year remaining in his at-large position. Other members may chose to add their names to the candidates list.

Next Board Meeting -

No meeting in March. Next meeting is April 11, 2018, 6:30 pm at Wayne Township.