

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
General Meeting 06/12/2019
Wayne Township Administration Building
6050 N Clarksville Rd, Waynesville OH 45068
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Steve Murphy

Members and Guests:

Board Members: Steve Murphy, Ron Gorley, Dick Feldmann, Rick Forrester, Tom McCray, Bruce Cortwright, Becky Retzer

Guests: Jim Mason, Lisa Alexander, Michael Alexander, Kelly Stahler (Corwin Peddler), Betty Wabnitz (Corwin Peddler), Melissa Clark (ODNR), Mary Ann Sendeln, Janet Slater, Joanne Rizkallah, Kelly Armentrout, Clayton Armentrout.

Approval of Minutes from 05/05/2019: Becky Retzer

Dick motioned to approve, Ron seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Feldmann (5 min)

Cash On Hand:	04/30/2019	05/31/2019	
Savings Account	\$52,232.69	\$52,242.13	
Checking Account	1,521.83	812.18	
Total	\$53,754.52	\$53,054.31	\$26,608.63 Restricted \$4,382.61 Reserved

05/31/2019 Treasurer Reports:

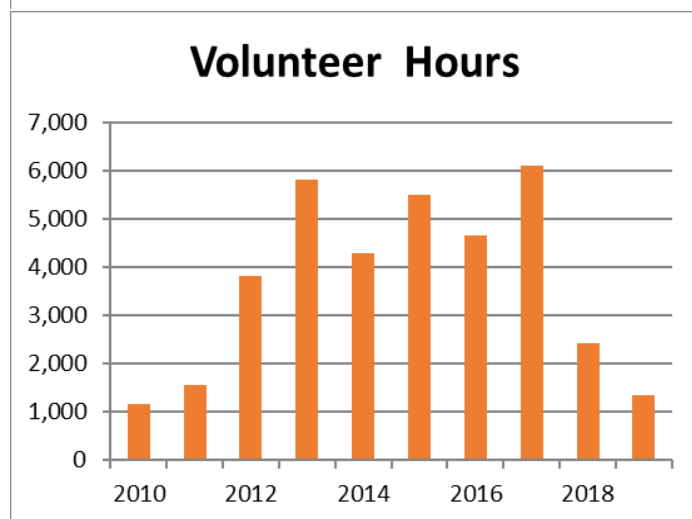
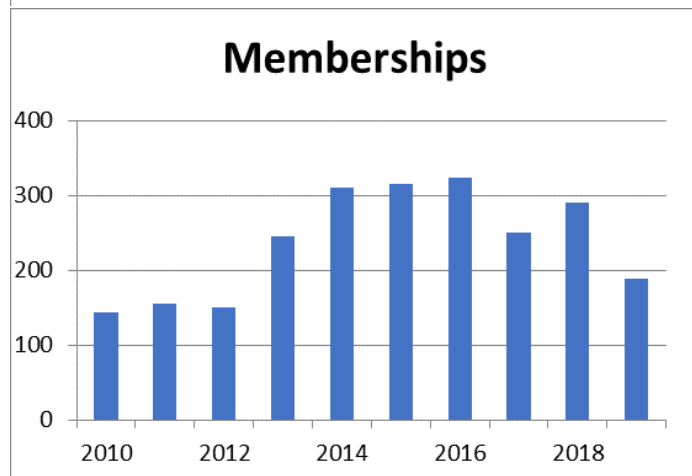
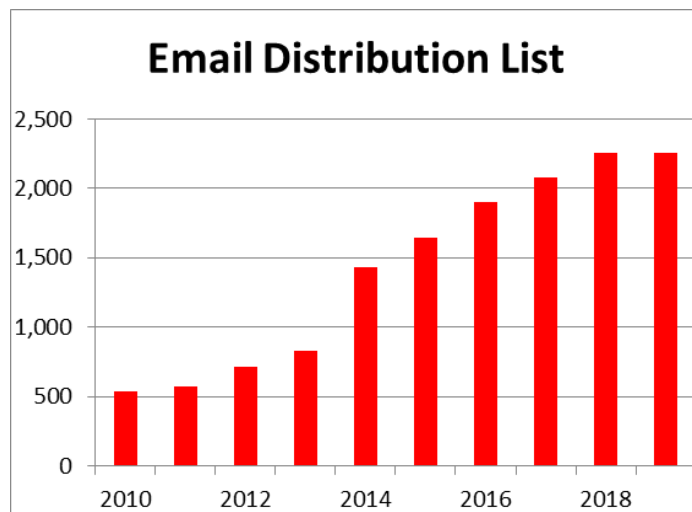
Dick motioned to approve FL MSP Tax Return for 2018; Bruce seconded - Approved

Dick discussed the yearly expense for the porta-pots/restrooms. Dick motioned approval for up to 7,000 for the restroom expense. Ron seconded - Approved

Dick reminded the Board that there was \$1350.00 allocated for the pollinator project from last year. Dick motioned we extend the pollinator project allocation for an additional year. Rick seconded - Approved.

Metrics: Steve Murphy (5 min)

	<u>Apr 10</u>	<u>May 5</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Email Distribution List:	2,294	2,260	-24
Memberships:	154	189	+25
Same time last year:		186	+3
End of year 2018:		294	-105
Volunteer Hours:	1,186	1,348	+162
Facebook "Likes":	1,181	1,222	+41
Twitter followers:	50	50	+0



1. **Strategic Plan.**
 1. Safety
 2. Condition & Drainage
 3. Volunteer Management
 4. Convenience
 5. Beauty
2. **Administrative.**
 - Purpose of detailed Agenda:
 - Simplifies taking of Minutes.
 - Provides a detailed record to the Public and ODNR.
3. **ODNR.** Melissa Clark
 - The work in Morrow is complete
 - Randy now has help on the trail, our second position has been filled and he started 5/28
4. **Simeon Copple Memorial Kiosk and Bicycle Repair Station.** Steve Murphy. With Public donations in hand, the promised 1:1 match from the Copple Family, and the promised Private Donation, the “Simeon project” in Corwin is now completely funded, so you can certainly share this material with the Corwin Council. Hopefully the Council can leverage this funding for other improvements in “downtown Corwin”. As of 6/6/2019:

Costs

Corwin kiosk	\$5,500
Corwin bicycle repair station	<u>1,400</u>
Total for kiosk and repair station	\$6,900

Funding

Public donations: Kiosk	\$2,065
Copple Family 1:1 match	2,065
Public donations: Repair Station (1)	<u>700</u>
Donations from Public and Family	4,830
Private donation	<u>2,070</u>
Total donations	\$6,900

5. **40th Anniversary of the Little Miami State Park and 10th Anniversary of the Friends of the Little Miami State Park.** Joanne Rizkallah. Dick Feldmann. The anniversary presents us with the opportunity to update our logo, banner, and our two park entrances and to tell our story.
 - **Logo and Park Entrances:** Brian Sullivan. We should have the pro bono services of a seasoned graphic designer who currently works for Kroger. I have shared our needs with her and hope to have options before the June monthly meeting.
 - **Banners:** Once we have a new logo, we can create new banners.

6. **Corwin Station.** Tom McCray presented to Corwin Council Monday evening June 10.

- **Rest and Information Center.**



- **Looking East.** Three existing picnic tables.



- **Looking East.** Existing bike racks.



- **Looking South.** 2-season restroom with the Corwin Peddler in the right background.

- **Kiosk.** A 10-panel kiosk with 3 lockable display cases \$5,500 - -- funding secured.





- **Looking Northeast.** A grassy area for the Kiosk.
- **Bicycle Repair Station.** A bicycle pump and a stand on which to hang your bicycle, e.g. to repair a flat tire \$1,400 --- funding secured.



- **Shelter.** This 16'x28' shelter will be modeled after the shelter in South Lebanon (pictured below) \$20K-\$30K. This shelter will provide cover for the existing 3 picnic tables.



- **South Lebanon Shelter.**

- **Corwin Station Landscape and Parking Area Enhancement.**

<https://earth.app.goo.gl/o9pVQ2>

- Define parking edge area along walk between the east parking space bumper blocks and the lawn area on the west side of the sidewalk.
- Excavate existing lawn area surface depth 3" to 4" and mix soil medium into gravel and lawn to enhance the turf grass area for tree planting.
- Install 8-10 mixed shade trees along the 280' length on the west side of the walk area.
- Install bumper blocks in the west gravel parking lot area to control vehicle parking and define the lawn area border.
- Enhance the existing landscape area at the north end of the existing lawn area and parking area entrance. Trim the large existing locust tree and remove the Bradford pear tree. Install Landscape bed area beside and behind Large utility box where pear was removed and existing Corwin Peddler sign to enhance visibility and overall appearance of the Parking lot entry area.
- Volunteer Installation Material needs:
 - 8 to 10 2 ½" to 3" caliber mixed shade trees
 - 25 to 30 8" x 8' concrete bumper blocks
 - 35 cu. yds. top soil medium
 - 6 cu. yds. Hardwood mulch
 - 50 lbs. Fescue/Rye blend seed
 - 6 rolls fiber straw blanket
 - 2 boxes 6" staples
 - 16 to 20 tree watering bags
 - Misc. stakes, fertilizer, trimming and removal, straw, equipment attachment, rental, etc.

Total amount proposed \$5.5K-\$6.0K --- currently unfunded.

With volunteer participation and donated construction equipment use.

7. Trail Safety:

- **Imminent Safety Issues.**
- **Intersections Safety.** Don Mills.
 - Intersection Specifications

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- Intersection Inventory

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- St Rt 126 Before and After

StRt126LadderBefore.jpg StRt126LadderAfter.jpg

8. Trail Drainage. Tom McCray.

- I275 wash. Don Mills.



- Drainage Issue Tracking. Tom McCray
 - Past year accomplishments
 - Current issues

9. Trail Condition: Bruce Cortright

- **Stabilizations.** ODNR.

- Trail erosions at I-71 and 4 to 5 places south of Fosters.

- **Culverts.** ODOT. Melissa here is the reason we are taking so much water under 275. I went up the culvert under the trail. It is cement pipe and then it becomes metal pipe going up the hill 100 feet. The bottom is gone as you can see, and the pipe is getting ready to collapse. The water is running out of the pipe and making its way down the hill and flooding our trail. We need ODOT to fix this. Bruce





10. Funding. Ron Gorley

- ODNR
 - May 23 phone conversation with Phil Miller, Deputy Chief Capital Improvements Administrator, ODNR:
 - Agreement that ODNR's primary responsibility is keeping the park (trail) open. ODNR should be able to fulfill that responsibility with existing funding. The \$200,000 in community-based capital was never intended for that purpose, but rather for resurfacing the most damaged sections of the trail. Agreement within ODNR now that this money will be used for resurfacing only.
 - Engineering has already been involved. Their highest priority for repaving matches our (FLMSP) highest priority, the section just south of Morrow. This repaving will be completed in calendar year 2019. This is essential so we can go back to the trail constituency and get them involved in another grass roots campaign with the state legislature. Expect to have another community-based capital request for the 2020-2022 period.
 - Desire from Phil to have FLMSP and ODNR more closely involved in the next iteration. Alignment of priorities between FLMSP and the Division of Parks and Watercraft will be beneficial as we approach the legislature. Need to avoid any confusion over the purpose of allocated funds this round. Expect to have a face-to-face meeting in late summertime frame.
 - The previously unexplained "up to \$100,000 in potential additional capital" has been explained. This was originally for an engineering study for a dam. That project is going ahead, and this money is not available for the LMSP. I explained that the first one foot of paving is the most expensive, since the equipment needs to get on site. I encouraged Phil to look for other sources that could be combined in order to repave additional trail. There is plenty of bad surface between Morrow and South Lebanon.

- Grants. Becky Retzer
- Grant Station

11. Trail Projects Needing Capital and/or Labor

- **Rest and Information Centers.**
 - Potential new locations. Corwin, Spring Valley, Morrow, Ft Ancient St Rt 350
- **Kiosk Locks.** Change locks on all kiosks to combination locks. According to Don Mills only Miamiville and Fosters locks can be changed.
- **Benches**
 - Remove dilapidated bench in Corwin.
- **Intersection Horizontal Signage.** Signage painted on the roadway.
- **Intersection Vertical Signage.** Install intersection vertical signage with ODNR team when they are ready.
- **Spring Valley Nature Preserve.**
 - Work party to finish opening up the view.
- **Repave.** ODNR.

12. Trail Convenience/Amenities

- **Reforestation.** Rick Forrester
- **Pollinator Project.** Becky Retzer.

13. Invasive Control. Jim Mason

14. Trail Counter Program. Ron Gorley.

- Waiting on TriState Trails to render a verdict on the extent to which the TriState Trails 7-day methodology yields the same results as FLMSP's 30-day methodology.

15. Outreach.

- Corwin Council Meeting. Tom McCray and Don Mills.
- Miami Valley Cycling Summit "Trail Advocacy Organization Award". Steve Murphy, Kathy and Dennis Lewis

16. Meeting Schedule.

- July 10, 2019 Loveland Town Hall
- August 14, 2019 Wayne Township Administration Building, 6050 N Clarksville Road, Waynesville, OH 45068

Next Board Meeting:

July 10, 2019, 6:30 PM,