

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Online General Board Meeting 08-12-2020
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Steve Murphy

Introduction of Members and Guests: Steve Murphy

Members: Steve Murphy, Ron Gorley, Dick Feldmann, Bruce Cortright, Larry Bloomfield, Becky Retzer

Absent: Rick Forrester

Approval of Minutes from 07-08-2020: **Becky moved to approve. Dick seconded. Approved.**

Treasurer's Report - Dick Feldmann (5 min)

Cash on Hand:	06/30/2020	7/31/2020	Change +/-
Unrestricted	\$33,768	\$36,862	+3094
Restricted	9, 676	8,954	(722)
Safety	7,835	6,448	
Memorial bench	1,841	2,506	
Reserved	6,302	6,302	0
Pollinator garden program	1,350	1,350	
Corwin Shelter	2,202	2,202	
Spring Valley crosswalks & signs	1,000	1,000	
Morrow Rt. 123 crosswalk	1,750	1,750	
Operating Account	7,409	9,775	+2,366
Savings Account	42,337	42,344	+7
Receivables	0	0	0
Total	\$49,746	\$52,119	+2,373

Treasurer Narrative: Dick Feldmann

- Financial Statement for June sent to board on August 8th.
- **Motion to accept Federal 990 by Dick. Ron seconded. Approved.**

- Major Income items:
 - Donation of \$1500 from Joseph Fisher GoFundMe site in memory of Leslie Keller-Biehl for memorial bench. Note, to streamline processing of GoFundMe funds, FLMSPP took payment of the entire \$1825. I agreed to donate the remaining \$325 to the LexArts Association, another charity that Leslie supported.
 - **Dick motioned to accept restricted funds donation from Joseph Fisher GoFundMe per The instructions listed above. Ron seconded. Approved.**
 - \$500 to general fund from M2 Family Fund (John Marten & Debbie Morehead). ○ \$500 to safety fund from Peter Newmann Stone. ○ \$750 grand to general fund from Booz Allen Hamilton.
- Major Expense items approved and paid:
 - CCC store and lock renewal for 1 year: \$897.24
 - RJ Thomas for Memorial bench: \$1,160
 - Bruce Cortright Foster stop signs: \$1,887

Additional:

- Received \$10,000 from Mark and Suellen Applebaum of Appletree Pet Clinic
 - Sponsorship of the Spring Valley kiosk and a memorial bench at MM 9.0 Spring Valley Lake. ○ Request sign noting sponsorship be placed on the kiosk and bench. ○ Suggest since kiosk is on land owned by Spring Valley ACTS, we donate out of these funds of \$1,000 to Spring Valley ACTS. Bench is going in at 16.8
 - **Dick motioned to accept restricted funds donation from Appletree Pet Clinic. Becky seconded. Approved.**
- Opportunity (break in the weather) to build the restroom enclosure in Spring Valley. (Founder's Park).
 - **Dick motioned to cover the cost of materials for the enclosure of \$600 (Spent \$479 to date, rest for exterior stain.) Ron seconded. Approved.**
- Network Solutions Web address management. ~\$200
 - Web Addresses
 - FriendsOfTheLittleMiamiStatePark.com
 - FriendsOfTheLittleMiamiStatePark.org
 - FLMSPP.org
 - (LittleMiamiStatePark.org managed by Navigate Tomorrow)
 - Services
 - Domain registration/ownership
 - Web Forwarding
 - Private Registration

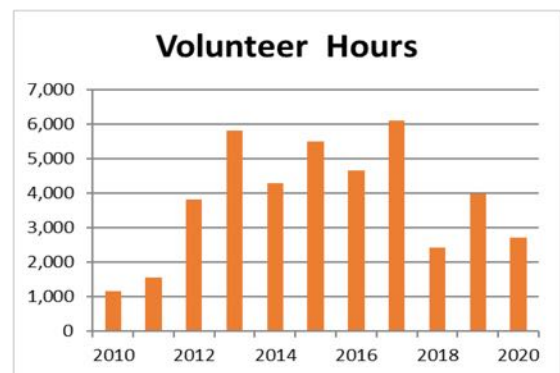
Dick motioned to continue maintenance of the three domains for 2020/2021 for \$200. Bruce seconded. Approved

- Green Umbrella membership
 - **Dick motioned to continue Green Umbrella membership 1 year - \$50.00 Ron seconded. Approved.**
- Constant Contact
 - **Dick motioned to continue Constant Contact membership for next 6 months - \$400 Ron seconded. Approved.**
- Rumpke Restroom rental for 2020/2021
 - Dick motioned to continue providing portable restrooms at trail entry points when permanent restrooms are unavailable, adjusted for COVID 19. Estimated cost \$8,000. Ron Approved.**
 - Note: We already approved the second Corwin portable restroom for August-October
- Authorization to purchase two benches and plaques for placement on the trail. Liz Lamar and Ron Gorley.
 - Leslie Keller-Biehl by Joe Fisher's GoFundMe site at Stubbs Mill.
 - Mark and Suellen Applebaum for Appletree Pet Clinic at Mile Marker 16.9 Shipping discount for batch less than 2,320.
 - **Ron motioned to approve purchase of both benched. Dick seconded. Approved.**

Portable Restrooms - 2020/2021								
Service Period	Billing Period	Spring Valley	Corwin	Oregonia	Morrow	S. Lebanon	Fosters	Miamiville
		Year Round	Seasonal	Year Round	Seasonal	Year Round	Seasonal	Year Round
		97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	108.00
June	July	97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00		108.00
July	August	97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00		108.00
August	September	97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00		108.00
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January	February	97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	108.00
February	March	97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	108.00
March	April	97.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	111.00	108.00	108.00
April	May	97.00		111.00		111.00		108.00
May	June	97.00		111.00		111.00		108.00
		1164.00	1080.00	1332.00	1080.00	1332.00	540.00	1296.00
								\$7,824.00

Metrics: Steve Murphy (5 min)

	<u>07/08/2020</u>	<u>08/12/2020</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Email Distribution List:	2,498	2,365	(133)
Memberships:	221	303	+82
Same time last year:	203	210	
End of year 2019:	321	321	
Volunteer Hours:	2,379	2,716	+337
Facebook "Likes":	1,452	1,606	+154
Facebook "Followers":	1,550	1,608	+58
Twitter "Followers":	51	57	+6



1. ODNR.

- From the desk of Melissa Clark. □ August 12. Ron Gorley.
- Hotline call. Auto accident on Corwin Rd near the sharp S-turn to cross over the road. Car took out a chain link fence. Melissa is working with enforcement on the matter. Repair in the future. Ditch is deep
- Closing 3C highway next year and impact on Fosters intersection. Up in the air, but one proposal is to reroute the trail closer to the intersection with Foster Maineville Rd, so traffic signals can control both cars and trail traffic. Would mean rerouting the trail through the existing parking lot and along the backside of the restrooms. For us, I recommend we still install the flashing stop signs at

Fosters in the near term. If this becomes obsolete, we can move the stop signs to Miamiville or wherever our next priority is.

- Corwin village has asked if we can install a second port-a-potty at Corwin due to extreme use. Since I do not imagine we need this for more than two months, I am offering the following motion now. I move that we begin rental of a second port-a-potty for the Corwin location for two months.
- O'Bannon Creek bridge will be closed starting next Monday around 6 pm until approximately 6 pm on the Thursday of that same week. This is to address structural issues with the bridge that threaten to close it permanently. ODNR has placed signs at Fosters and Lyons Rd. This is already posted on our Facebook page.
- Still waiting on budget information.
- Kyle has contacted South Lebanon regarding the berm near Morrow.
- Staff has been able to keep up with mowing and taking care of large down trees, etc.
- Corwin restroom is still closed and likely to remain that way throughout the season.
- Conference call regarding the O'Bannon Creek bridge near Nisbet park will take place Thursday.
- I71 Erosion. The last major project that could shut down the trail. Timing? Cost?
- Morrow. Ron Gorley
 - Paving completed. Some berm work is needed because in some cases the trail surface is 5-6" above the berm. Intent is to fund the work to smooth the berm along the recent repaving section in the next budget so hopefully around August. I have had conversations and emails with her and Kyle about taking care of the high berm associated with the new paving south of Morrow. \$31K for the paving contractor was too expensive, so ODNR is waiting for Southern Construction Crew to do the work in the fall. I found South Lebanon was willing to provide material and labor for part of the work. Melissa has gotten approval from within ODNR okaying this approach, but neither she nor Kyle followed up with South Lebanon.
- ODNR Phone Call Notes. Ron Gorley.
- No phone calls this month. Notes below are from the July 8 call.



- Post and signs at Front St in Morrow need to be replaced (looks like a car ran into it). ODNR does not have replacement signs. If FLMSp wants to begin repairs, that is fine. Not an immediate project as we are short on AAT resources.
- Stop sign at Corwin has been stolen. No replacement sign readily available for Corwin.
- Drainage issues: 1) failed culvert at 44.0 (Branch Hill) has been fenced off but still needs to be repaired. 2) south of I-275 is still draining but will need to be dug out some point in the future.
- Corwin shelter installation is delayed until at least the fall. Staffing level in general and the number of people together are both impediments. No ODNR objection if FLMSp wants to contract the installation.

3. FLMSp.

- Annual Meeting. In Fall – dependent on COVID-19
- Trash Cleanup.
 - Ron Gorley. “We are updating our volunteer requests and trash collection is one of the activities we plan to add. We have had only partial success with adding trash cans. That's a long-term commitment for a volunteer to empty it every week or so. At present, the only can we manage is at Grandin Rd in Kings Mill.”
 - Becky – Joan volunteer at Corwin kiosk picks up trash in that area on a regular basis. Requested we get a trash can there. **Dick will check with Melissa to see if ODNR will put one out and/or Waynesville**
- Medium-term.
 - Upcoming ODNR Projects. There are a couple of upcoming ODOT projects on bridges over the trail that will potentially effect users.

4. Trail Safety

- Intersections Safety. Don Mills.
- Laddering: Don Mills.

There are 49 intersections in our 50 miles.

16 intersections do not warrant markings because of little traffic conflict.

33 intersections have been marked in the last year.

7 intersections will be marked as “improved” in the near future.

3 at Loveland that Dave Kennedy will do 2, 1 at Morrow that A & A will do, 1 at Terrace Park that will be done late summer, 2 at Wards Corner & Bridge that Clermont County will do.

Morrow: St Rte 123 Morrow is done. **Either Dick or Becky will contact Caroline to ask for an invoice to be sent to FLMSp.**

- ODNR has committed to have their fall tree cutting crew address the sight lines at: 350 (Ft. Ancient/Morgans), Wilmington, Wards Corner, Strout and Oregonia.
- Re-Paint the “STOP” signage on Trail at intersections. Next spring/summer Bruce Cortright.
- Re-paint Mile Markers.
- Ron Gorley. Mile Markers 29.0, 29.5, 30.0 and 28.5.
- Bruce has inherited the painting tasks from here on out. He has the stencils and whatever paint was left.

We have been using Rustoleum gloss white oil-based paint from Home Depot or Lowes. Greene County Engineers use a product from Sherwin Williams or Kleem for painting road intersections. ODOT has a road paint #643 and #642 that is also a possibility - probably can get that from A&A Safety. □

Flashing STOP Signs.

- Candidates
- Fosters (approved)
- Wards Corner 126 (Clermont County)
- St Rt 123.
- Branch Hill (Clermont County)

Timing for the above is unknown, but funding is available. Tabled until we have someone research where we need more urgently

- Fences. Rich Easterly. Second fence that got busted by swim club near Terrace Park (Tree Fall)
- Counters. Ron Gorley.



Rick Forrester helped Wade with the install the new permanent counter. (Check out news article)

- Trail Blowing. Pete Hostetter. At Pete’s recommendation the FLMSP web site has been changed so that those blowing the trail can post the dates and times for the upcoming blowings. What I have learned is that trail users with a variety of interests

(e.g. bladders, boarders) consult our web site to know when the next blowing will take place. Calendars are now in sync.

5. Trail Culverts/Drainage □ Tom McCray Reports.

- Beech St
 - Ron Gorley. Beech Rd...the township has completed a drainage survey and sent to ODNR with recommendation for culvert replacement. ODNR is currently reviewing. Bruce will sent picture of sagging & cracking blacktop.
 - Dick, Ron will coordinate teleconference with Melissa, including Steve.
- Jeff Wright. Miami Township Service Director John Musselman is going to contact ODNR to see if they have issues with us planning a project to replace the existing pipe with a larger diameter pipe and if they need to review a plan that we would execute. So that we do not cause a new problem on a downstream property owner John is also reaching out to a local civil engineering firm to have the problem evaluated and consider if there are any unintended consequences from replacing the current pipe with a larger diameter.
- MM 44.0. Bruce Cortright. Failed culvert. ODNR is aware.
- South of I275 bridge. Culverts that need to be dug out have been marked.
- Paving. Ron Gorley
- MM 3.3 to MM 6.1. Don Mills. This area should be a candidate for the next re-pave after Morrow. I want to recommend that we determine what needs to be done to the 1 1/2 miles of Trail and the stream bank at MM 4.3.

For the past 10 years there has existed systemic problems in this section that have never had a resolution recommendation

- Bridges.
- MM 45.9 replace Beech Run Bridge. ODNR has request. ODNR/FLMSP joint effort

6. Amenities

- Web Site – Steve Murphy
Should be done September 10th

- Spring Valley Port-o-let. Dick Feldmann
The portable restroom along the Little Miami State Park trail is now dressed up and sitting on level ground.

For several years, The Friends of the Little Miami State Park and Spring Valley Association of Community and Township Services (Spring Valley ACTS) have teamed up to provide trail users at the northern end of the park a portable restroom facility at Founders Park in the middle of the Village of Spring Valley. This year we moved the restroom from its original location next to a memorial tree in the park to more level ground on the old basketball court slab and built a three-sided enclosure to contain the unit. This project has made the restroom more easily accessible and improved the ambiance of the park.

Founder's Park, on the southwest corner of Main Street and the Little Miami Scenic Trail, is operated by Spring Valley ACTS for the community to honor Spring Valley community leaders and boosters. The park provides gardens, benches, and a comfortable stop for users of the trail.

Funding for the enclosure's materials came from a generous donation by Appletree Pet Clinic in Deer Park, Ohio. The enclosure was built by FLMSV volunteers Jim Shively, Dick Feldmann, Mary Ann Wendeln and Mike Hill. FLMSV thanks Spring Valley ACTS for their continuing support to the trail-using community and the citizens of Spring Valley.



- Spring Valley Kiosk. Dick Feldmann. Dick will do this kiosk at cost, e.g. \$2,500 or so depending on CVD pricing. Add to this a \$1,000 donation to ACTS and we can get a kiosk for \$3,500 or so versus \$5,000-5,500 for our previous contractor. Dick is following up and will reach out.
- Benches. Ron Gorley.
 - **MM30/StubbsMills** Joe Fisher/GoFundMe campaign donor/Keller-Beihl memorial bench. Replaces current untethered wooden bench.
STATUS: Wording approved by ODNR on plaque, waiting for payment transfer from GoFundMe site. Dick, can I connect you with Joe Fisher to make this happen?
 - **MM26.8** (Ron is scouting exact site) Donated by Melvin Stampe and Maria Blake. New bench site.

STATUS: Waiting for plaque wording from donor and funds. Just committed on July 19.

- **MM23.6/Ft. Ancient Bypass** Donated by Richard Cocks/Cocks Family Giving Fund.
STATUS: Bench paid for and ordered. Will ship no later than 8/21.
- **MM16.8/Between Corwin and Oregonia** (Ron is scouting exact site) Donated by Suellen Applebaum, in addition to kiosk donation.
STATUS: Waiting for plaque wording from donor. I assume funds will be sent with payment for the kiosk- should I have this discussion with her?
- **MM9,3.4 or ~22/to be determined by donor** (Ron is scouting exact locations to offer to donor) Carolyn Folger donor.
STATUS: Will offer one of these 3 sites to donor, will advise when selection made.

We are down to just a couple of available sites, once Folger decides which location she wants. We have 3 locations Ron and I had slated for possible rehab:

- MM47.7/Rt. 126 second tiered wood bench
- MM44.4/Bridge Street: new wood slats needed on existing concrete base bench
- MM37.7/2 REI wood benches
- ArcGIS. Dick Feldmann. Map is ready – just having some difficulty in getting it uploaded.

10. Funding

- Grants. Becky Retzer.
 - Becky suggested we make a list of projects first and then she can approach grantors. Dick mentioned engineering plans for bridges.

11. Beauty

- Reforestation. Rick Forrester. Opening the beautiful view at Spring Valley Nature Preserve is a good work project.
- Invasive Control. Jim Mason. Planning on treating the Ailanthus area I did last year on Corwin Rd next week. I have several areas to look at in addition to that one. Becky wanted me to look at the prairie area also along Corwin Rd. I'm 7 weeks into my back surgery --- 4 fusions and 10 screws. Getting around better. Let me know of anything else I should look at.

North of Miamiville – Moehler High School Athletic Complex – **ask Jim to look at.**

- Pollinator: Becky Retzer. Working with Steve, an eagle scout for signage and with Jim re. spraying for weeds and time table for planting.

12. Volunteer Recruitment, Onboarding, Recognition

- Volunteer Steering Committee. We now have a Volunteer Steering Committee that has been tasked with formalizing FLMSP's volunteer management, e.g. organization, software, training, etc.:

On hold for the next few weeks because of scheduling.

- Recognition. Becky Retzer

Becky has a personal wood with gold trim plaque for Ray Jacobson as well as a smaller fence plaque that will fit on the top angled board for Ray. **Becky will mail plaque to Ray Jacobson.**

All kiosks have been updated with a recognition plaque. There is also one at Foster's recognizing Paul Morgan and FLMSP crew as well as REI.

13. Calendar.

- Spring 2020-Fall 2021 SR 48 and US 22:

Trail will remain open during construction. However, occasional flagging operations may be necessary.

Temporary construction fence will be installed along construction boundaries to protect the park and users.

Signage will be installed to alert trail users of the construction activity.

- August 2021 thru December 31, 2022 King Avenue Bridge.
- Spring 2023 for approximately 5 months US 42

The proposed project will require the construction of a protective shed with lighting over the Little Miami Scenic Trail to protect Trail users. The project will also require six short term closures for access to the bridge for demolition, erection of new beams, and protection during deck pouring to protect the Trail users.

Daytime closures during weekdays for demolition. Two closures lasting approximately 1 week each (5 days) and for maybe as long as 3 months apart.

Daytime closures during weekdays for erection of bridge beams. Two closures lasting 2 days each and maybe as long as 3 months apart. It may be possible to complete this work at night.

Daytime closures during weekdays for pouring on the concrete bridge deck. Two closures lasting approximately 1 week each (5 days) at separate times

14. Miscellaneous Projects Needing Capital and/or Labor

- **Port-o-let Enclosures.**
- Our current specifications: 3-sided, no roof, no door, 6' tall, 6" clearance under walls.
- Potential Locations: Miamiville, Oregonia, Spring Valley.

15. Meeting Schedule.

Future General Board Meetings will be online using ZOOM until the current COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed. The next General Board Meeting will be Wednesday September 8 at 6:30 using ZOOM.

The Annual Meeting will be postponed until the current CVD-19 restrictions are relaxed. Tentative is November.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce seconded. Unanimous