

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
TEAMS Online General Board Meeting 03-10-2021
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Steve Murphy

Introduction of Members and Guests: Steve Murphy

Board Members Present: Steve Murphy, Ron Gorley, Dick Feldmann, Bruce Cortright, Rick Forrester, Larry Bloomfield, Becky Retzer

Guests: Tom McCray, Chris, Melissa Clark (ODNR), Fritz Prease

Approval of Minutes from 2021-02-10: Becky Retzer

Becky moved the minutes from 02-10-2021 be approved. Ron seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Feldmann (5 min)

Cash on Hand:	1/31/2021	2/28/2021	Change +/-
Unrestricted	\$52,678	\$52,965	+287
Restricted	9,824	9,974	+150
Safety	737	737	
Memorial bench & Kiosk	9,087	9,237	
Reserved	2,105	2,105	0
Pollinator garden program	1,350	1,350	
Corwin Shelter	755	755	
Operating Account	22,173	12,603	(9,570)
Savings Account	42,379	52,384	+10,005
Receivables	55	56	+1
Total	\$64,607	\$65,043	+436

Treasurer Narrative: Dick Feldmann

- Financial Statements sent to board on March 4th.
- Expenses requiring board motion
 - Smith-Feike-Minton, Cincinnati Insurance Co. – Directors and Officers Policy, estimated at under \$1,500 (Last year \$1,200).
 - **Dick motioned we set aside \$1,500 to pay this once we receive the invoice.**
Ron seconded. Approved
 - Tom McCray requests equipment purchase
 - Stihl HT103 Pruner \$599.99
 - Extra chain \$ 23.99
 - Filing guide for sharpening 35.99
 - Total \$659.97
 - Rationale: The Pruner is lighter than the Kombi, can be used for longer periods of time.

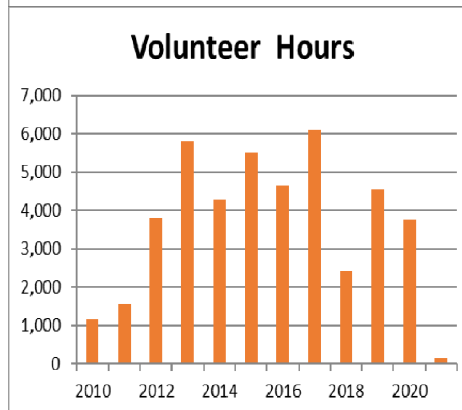
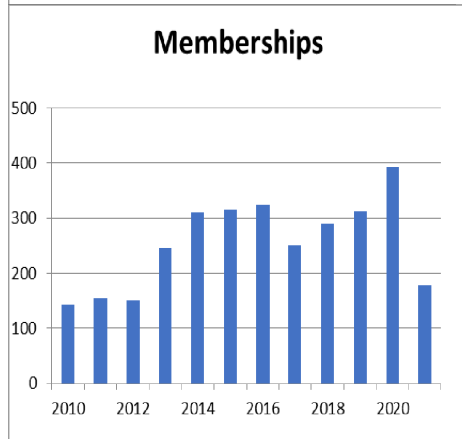
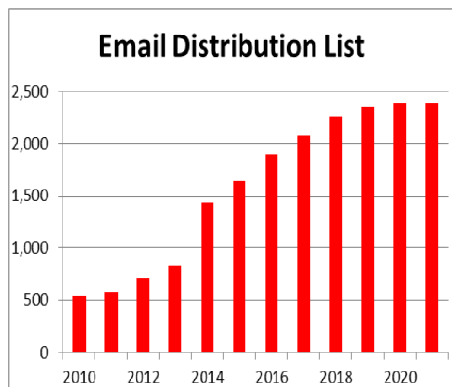
- **Dick motioned we purchase this for the far north cache; Bruce seconded - Approved**
- Major Income items: Nothing of note in February
- Major Expense items approved and paid:
 - ○ E&J Trailer, South Tool Cache Storage Container \$1,900
 - Capitalized as a fixed asset (\$1,800).
 - The UPS Store, 1-year renewal of mail box \$300
- Other Items of Interest

Received another donation for Bill Kuhn Bench through Kathy Lewis for \$150. Kathy and I agreed that we would use these funds for any bench maintenance expenses that Kathy performs.

Discussion on not using dyed mulch
- Audit of Fixed Assets
 - Have an inventory of tools in Tool cache and individual hands thanks to Ron, Rick, Bruce, and Tom.
 - Investigating our Fixed Assets being carried on our balance sheet:
 - Equipment
 - Trail equipment
 - Storage Facility (new)
 - Website Asset
 - Fencing Asset
 - Loveland Kiosk

Metrics: Steve Murphy (5 min)

	<u>02-10-2021</u>	<u>03-10-2021</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Email Distribution List:	2,386	2,388	+2
Memberships:	146	179	+33
Volunteer Hours:	69	169	100
Facebook "Followers":	1,682	1696	+14
Twitter "Followers":	57	57	+0



STRATEGIC PLAN.

1. Safety
2. Condition & Drainage
3. Volunteer Management
4. Amenities/Convenience
5. Beauty

2021 PLANNING

- Annual Meeting.
- When and where?
- Currently 4 Board members are up for election this year 2021, i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and one Member at Large.
- Based on the list below we need to recruit a new Vice President.

Current Board members:

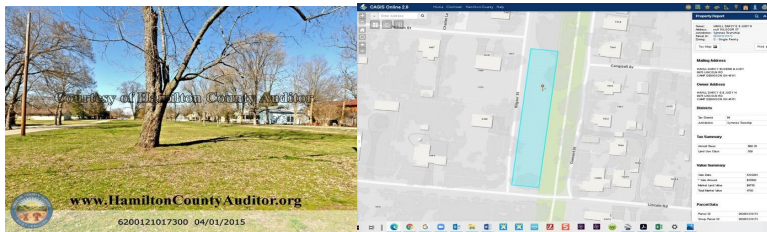
- Steve Murphy, President 2-year term 2019-2021
Steve **will be** standing for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Ron Gorley, Vice President 2-year term 2019-2021

Ron **will not be** standing for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

- Dick Feldmann, Treasurer 2-year term 2019-2021
Dick **will be** standing for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting
- Becky Retzer, Secretary 2-year term 2020-2022
- Bruce Cortright, Member at Large 2-year term 2019-2021 Bruce **will be** standing for reelection at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Rick Forrester, Member at Large 2-year term 2020-2022
- Larry Bloomfield, Member at Large 2-year term 2020-2022

ODNR.

- Capital plan. – no additional info
- Corwin Shelter. Hope to get the roof completed this Spring. Tom McCray mentioned the June deadline.
- Bridges and Bridge Surfaces - same as last month – end of April should start
 - Berm should not be a trail closure. Contractor was asked to steel plate the bridge on weekends and evenings.
- Rte 22/3 -
- Beech St
- O'Bannon Creek
- Camp Dennison butterfly garden.
- Mr. D'Arcy Havill is willing to donate the property below.



- ODNR is willing to accept Mr. Havill's offer, but it will take some unknown amount of time for ODNR to process this donation.
- Mr. Havill has offered FLMSP the use of the property while ODNR processes the donation.

Strategic Plan 2021 Projects mapped onto the Strategic Plan.

0. Safety

- Speed limits: "Recommend posting slower speed limits on crowded sections of trail. Recommended speed limits? Wherever we put/paint speed limit signage we should decide what the speed limits should be. I've seen a 20 mph sign south of Fosters. I like 12 mph in congested areas." Larry Bloomfield.

Speed Limit Sign Locations. Ron Gorley/Melissa Clark

"I watched a webinar today about e-bikes on the Arizona trail - they rely on the trail user to practice good judgment when operating any class of e-bike. Speed enforcement is difficult at best, but maybe more speed limit signs will encourage e-bikers to use good

judgment. A slower speed limit - 12 mph- may be more appropriate in congested areas, i.e. Loveland.” Larry Bloomfield.

Do we do vertical signs or painted pavement. If we post speed limits, it is one more thing that trail users can ignore and we can’t enforce. An alternative is to post “You are entering a congested area” signs. This approach would position FLMSF as a friend of the trail users instead of an enforcer. Steve Murphy

Melissa would like to see what we are proposing before it is implemented. Dick suggested we have AA design a stencil and present Melissa a mock-up.

Loveland, 126, Milford, Morrow, Foster’s

“I ride the trail a lot being retired. One thing I noticed is the great work being done at the crossroads with clearing and signs. There is one of these crossroads, I think it is Cunningham Rd at Camp Dennison, where drivers do not always slow down. Some cars pass the trail way too fast. There is a steep hill on Cunningham Rd as you leave the Indian Hill area and head downhill to Camp Dennison, and I guess the big downhill is why cars pass the trail too fast. Maybe a large sign posted at the top of this hill may slow cars down and another sign just before the trail would help. Thanks friends.” Roger Macke

- Intersections
- Ladders
- Sight lines
- Vertical signage
- Model Intersection: St Rte 126



- Flashing STOP sign St Rte 126. Completed by Bruce Cortright.
- Email and photo sent to Robert Osher.
- Berm encroachment
- Pavement markings, e.g. center lines only at intersections.
- Fences
- Trail Sentinels. Don Hahn. Nothing new to report. Current count is 13. **Would like to find someone to lead the program.** No budget item for 2021 expected.
- Trail Etiquette. Larry Bloomfield.

1. All trail users (walkers, runners, skaters, cyclists) must use the right side of the trail. The only time a trail user should be on the left side is while passing.
 2. Groups of 4 or more cyclists (other than families with small children) should ride single file and leave a space between riders to allow faster cyclists to pass. Pacelines (groups of roadies riding fast in a tight formation) are discouraged.
- eBikes: Larry Bloomfield

1. Condition & Drainage

- Trail Closure. Bridge work at 22/3 and Fosters. Closure June 7 for 2 months.
- Moeller Athletic Complex. Phil Obermiller. The installation of the Moeller Athletic Complex east of the trail just north of Branch Hill Miamiville Road is having some negative effects. Heavy equipment is crossing the trail at the foot of Perry Street and is beginning to tear up the surface.
- Storage Caches.
- Fosters Cache -
- Miamiville/Camp Dennison Cache. Bruce Cortright.
- Spring Valley – Dick Feldmann
- South Lebanon/Morrow
- Shipping Container:



- Wood Chipper: Rental \$200
- Bump Grinding. Don Hahn. Bumps on the entire 50 miles of trail were ground in October 2020 as I reported in a memo to the board, presentation at Annual Meeting and in TrailMail. Recommendations were listed in my memo. **No action is needed in 2021.**
- Crack Filling.
- Erosion.
- Culverts. John who is working with Bruce. Working on a culvert near Lake Isabella. Would like to use landscaping blocks to build the area up. – South of the 275 bridge.
- Trail Tools.
- Trail Tool Caches.

2. Volunteer Management. Becky Retzer, Dick Feldman

- Individual Volunteer Agreement (IVA) Forms. Becky Retzer.
- Functionality. Volunteer recruitment, onboarding, hours, recognition.

- Software. Signup Genius, Volgistics
- New Forms:

3. Amenities/Convenience

- Trash Cans. Fritz Buschman. My wife, Linda, and I help maintain the trail north and south from downtown Loveland. We recently talked about that issue last week. From my experience in picking up poop bags and from experience with our dog, the dogs are so excited at the start of the walk that they do their business at the beginning of the walk. Once you get past the poop bag dispensers, there are no trash cans. The cans are behind you. Thus, the bags end up in the woods and in the grass.
If you want to move the trash cans farther down the trail a small distance, I will commit to checking them about every 10 days or so.
- Corwin -
- Benches. Ron Gorley
- Second bench in front of Izaak Walton League in Loveland.
- ☐ **Kiosks.**
- Spring Valley. Dick Feldmann Broke concrete today for posts. Will work on it Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- Morrow – will follow up
- Corwin shelter. Dick Feldmann/ Tom McCray
- Spring Valley kiosk. Dick Feldmann
- ODNr Maps – Becky has found a printer who will print 5,000 for under \$1,000. Need to get the original artwork with bleed lines.
 - **Becky made a motion to purchase the 5,000 maps for no more than \$1,000. Dick seconded. Approved**
- ☐ **Bike racks.** Ron Gorley

Location	# Bike Racks
Milford	2
Miamiville	1
Loveland, south	2
Loveland, Nisbett Park	4
Fosters	2
Grandin	None
South Lebanon	2
Morrow	
Phegley Park	None
Miranda's	1
Oregonia	1
Corwin	2
Spring Valley	None

I believe Morrow would be first priority. Phegley Park is where the permanent toilet is, where we place our PortaPotty and where the shelter is with the picnic tables. There

are timbers there to tie up horses, but no bike racks. Seems like something we would coordinate with the Morrow Community group (along with getting the kiosk set up). The bike rack at Miranda's is too far away to be of use at the park.

I'm torn between Grandin and Spring Valley. Advantage to Grandin because trail volume is 80% higher than at Spring Valley. Advantage to Spring Valley since the Grandin parking lot will be relocated after the new bridge is constructed and the rack would probably need to move.

- Bicycle repair stations

4. Beauty

- Butterfly/Pollinator Garden. Becky Retzer.
 - Becky reported that Jim Mason was going to spray as soon as weather permitted.
- Reforestation. Rick Forrester.
- Invasive control. Jim Mason.

5. FLMSP Administration.

- Funding, e.g. donations, memberships, grants
- Events, e.g. Don Hahn helmet day
- Technology.
- Web site. Rod Martin.
- Upgrade web site "core".
- On volunteer signup on the web site, ALL the information entered by the volunteer candidate should be in the initial email to the Volunteer Coordinator (John Niedermeier). Done.
- Relationships, e.g. Loveland, etc.
- Counters. Ron Gorley

6. FLMSP Administration

- Succession – it's time to document
 - Volunteer – Virtual Meetings – Rick Forrester
 - Funding e.g. donations – memberships/grants
 - Counters – Ron Gorley Tri State Trails will provide a full report for 2019 & 2020.
2019: 1,530,226 2020 2,349,416 53+% increase
 - Events -
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- Helmet event. Don Hahn. I believe this is meant to be a repeat of the June 2020 helmet giveaway. I proposed this event be repeated in June or July, possibly as early as May which is bicycle safety month. I would like to find a leader of this event; none of last year's event were willing to lead this year. I will be asking the board to authorization an expenditure of something like \$300 to buy helmets to give away in case Childrens' Hospital does not contribute like they did last year and in case Ohio Chapter of American

Academy of Pediatrics does not grant us any helmets and to be sure we have at least 100 helmets. Last year 58 helmets were given away in a little over an hour.

- **Meeting Schedule.**

Future General Board Meetings will be virtual until the current COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed. The next virtual General Board Meeting will be Wednesday April 14 6:30-8:30.

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

Meeting adjourned.