

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park  
General Board Meeting 11/12/2025  
Virtual - MS Teams  
Meeting Agenda & Presentation - Minutes**

**Minutes**  
**Motions**  
**Actions**

**AGENDA / STRATEGIC PLAN**

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2. Approval of Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. ODNR Report
5. FLMSP Administrative Business
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**Call to Order:** Becky Retzer

**Introduction of Board:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Becky Retzer</b>       | <b>President</b>           |
| <b>Dick Feldmann</b>      | <b>Vice President</b>      |
| <b>Bill Brown</b>         | <b>Treasurer</b>           |
| <b>John Telintelo</b>     | <b>Secretary</b>           |
| <del>Rick Forrester</del> | <del>Member at Large</del> |
| <b>Bruce Cortright</b>    | <b>Member at Large</b>     |
| <del>Kris Allenson</del>  | <del>Member at Large</del> |

**Introduction of ODNR, Members, and Guests:**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Casey Marcum</b>           | <b>ODNR</b>                   |
| <b>Tiffany DeChant-Hunt</b>   | <b>ODNR</b>                   |
| <del>Margee Kirkpatrick</del> | <del>FLMSP Trail Mail</del>   |
| <del>Diane Wright</del>       | <del>FLMSP Trail Mail</del>   |
| <b>Ron Gorley</b>             | <b>FLMSP Memorial Program</b> |
| <b>Fritz Buschmann</b>        | <b>FLMSP Member</b>           |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** John Telintelo

- Sep 10, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes distributed Oct 6, 2025, by John Telintelo.  
**MOTION: John made a motion to approve the September Board Meeting minutes.**  
**Bruce seconded. Motion Approved.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Brown

- **Four large donations were received in October totaling \$9,000. One was for \$2000 and restricted to pavement work.**
- **Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet were emailed to Board members on 11/10/2025.**
- **FLMSP has \$124,000 of unrestricted cash and \$18,000 of restricted cash.**
- **Our 2024 990 is completed and being reviewed by Dave Fermann.**
- **Dick and Becky talked with Beth Short from the Ohio Attorney General's office at the Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks Fall Meeting & Symposium on November 8, 2025. Her**

comment re the penalty for our 2023 990 filing is that if we paid to have it completed, the CPA is responsible.

- Becky has not been successful in reaching Dave Fermann. Becky email Pamela Spencer who worked on our 990, and requested she get with Dave Fermann to find out where we are in settling the penalty for 2023. Her response on November 10th: "Yes, I forwarded your email to him and he is going to reply to you." **Becky will follow up.**
- Dick went to IRS site to check for 990 and year 2020 was not on the website.
- **\$10,000 Donation from DR. and Mrs. Robert Reed in honor of Bill Schwinn. Bill will call them and check if they want donation to remain anonymous or not.**

| PROFIT & LOSS | Jan-Oct 2025      | Jan-Oct 2024    |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue       | \$107,445         | \$87,305        |
| Interest Rev. | \$3,298           | \$3,929         |
| Expenses      | -\$225,412        | -\$48,794       |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>-\$114,669</b> | <b>\$42,440</b> |

| CASH ON HAND               | October 31, 2025 | September 30, 2025 | Delta            |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Cash</b>          | <b>\$142,648</b> | <b>\$136,379</b>   | <b>\$6,269</b>   |
| Operating Account          | \$31,771         | \$25,502           | \$6,269          |
| Hunnington Savings         | \$110,877        | \$110,877          | \$0              |
| Cert. of Deposit           | \$0              | \$0                | \$0              |
| <b>Restricted</b>          | <b>\$18,529</b>  | <b>\$116,109</b>   | <b>-\$97,580</b> |
| Benches                    | \$1,404          | \$1,404            | \$0              |
| Pavement Fund              | \$6,020          | \$103,600          | -\$97,580        |
| Grandin Rest & Info. Kiosk | \$10,000         | \$10,000           | \$0              |
| Oregonia Garden            | \$1,105          | \$1,105            | \$0              |
| <b>Unrestricted</b>        | <b>\$124,119</b> | <b>\$20,270</b>    | <b>\$103,849</b> |

**ODNR REPORT:** Tiffany DeChant-Hunt, Casey Marcum

#### Morgan Property Status

- Dick previously had a port-a-let delivered and added to FLMSF monthly billing.

**FLMSF ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** Becky Retzer

#### Record Retention Policy

- **Will be finalized by January Board Meeting.**

#### Photo Retention Policy

- **Kris will work on policy beginning of 2026.**

#### Volunteer Records/Volgistics

- **When monthly report is sent to section leads, please note if someone is not on your list. They may not be in our system because they have not filled out ODNR form. If we don't have their information they are not being invited to our events, getting a birthday card and most importantly are not compliant with our MOU with ODNR. Becky and Kris to work on list.**

## **TRAIL MAINTENANCE/SAFETY**

*Focuses on preserving the trail's condition, preventing further deterioration, and emphasizing safety. Review of trail slips; bridge repairs or replacement; bump grinding, root cutting, crack filling; drainage swales and culverts; clearing intersection sight lines; equipment purchases and equipment storage caches.*

### Major Pavement Replacement Project between South Lebanon and Morrow

- **Project completion tentatively scheduled for the end of May 2026. S. Lebanon bidding out the municipal wastewater upgrade, will include repaving 0.9 miles of the trail.**

### MM 4.5 - Trail Slip at Gladly Run

- **No Change.**

### MM 6.1 - Bridge in Spring Valley at Bellbrook Ave

- **Bridge is being evaluated in Engineering.**

### MM 13 - Trail Undercut at Middletown Road area

- **No Change.**

### MM 18.7 – Culvert before Horse Farm

- **No Change.**

### MM 19.6 – Culvert at Oregonia

- **BJ Stephens sent an email to ODNR and Engineering suggesting a repair of the compromised wooden substructure and patching of the blacktop is required to prevent further damage. Dick put some cold patch in the hole to extend pavement surface through another six months.**

### MM 22.1 - Trail slip at I-71 Jeremiah Morrow Bridge

- **Project completion tentatively scheduled for the end of May 2026.**

### MM 33 – Bridge Repair/Replacement at South Lebanon

- **No Change.**

### MM 44 – Culvert Partially Collapsed

- **No Change.**

### MM 47.7 – Miamiville Bridge

- **Bridge is now being evaluated in Engineering.**

### MM 50 - Trail Slip at Glendale-Milford Rd

- **No Change.**

### Foster Large Equipment Storage Facility, Rick Forrester

- **ODNR is in agreement with Foster location. Next step is to finalize structure, design and cost. Dick will put together formal proposal with engineer-stamped drawings, site plan for Tiffany and State review.**

### Trail Maintenance Equipment Purchase, Bruce Cortright, Bill Brown

- **A \$5,000 donation from Thomas Osterhus was designated for trail maintenance equipment. A wood chipper for honeysuckle, small limbs, and brush was identified as the best option.**
- **MOTION: On Sun., Nov. 16, Bill Brown submitted an email motion to authorize up to \$9,000 for the purchase of a 2018 Vermeer BC 700 Brush Chipper, using the \$5,000 donation plus \$4,000 from general funds. Bruce, Dick, John, and Becky voted yes by email. MOTION APPROVED.**
- **PURCHASE DETAILS: On Mon., Nov. 17, the chipper was inspected and tested. It showed 483 hours of use and was well maintained, with annual fluid and filter changes by the current owner, who purchased it in 2023. FLMSF purchased the unit for \$8,500. Bruce transported it to the Ernst Concrete cache.**

## TRAIL AMENITIES/CONVENIENCE

*Focuses on directional aids, park signage, places to stop, rest and recharge, information kiosks, restrooms, memorial benches, tables, bike stands and pumps, and rain shelters.*

Information Kiosks, Becky Retzer

- **Several of the kiosks need plexiglass replacement. This would be a good winter project.**

Park Signage, Dick Feldmann

- **New sign trees 15/17 done: Wilmington Rd. & S. Lebanon will be done after completion of construction. This will likely be next year. Other signage is all maintenance.**
- **North County Trail signs have been replaced.**

MM 14 – Corwin Restrooms Painting, Dick Feldmann

- **Painting is complete.**

MM 39 - Prairie Shelter Roof, Rick Forrester

- **Roof is complete.**



Memorial Program, Ron Gorley

- **Current policy for Benches only. Working on other options, i.e., Birdhouses, Sculptures, Peace Poles, and Picnic Tables for new shelter and elsewhere. New policy needs to list the item's life and release from liability for FLMSP when the life expectancy has been met.**
- **Benches remain as is supplied by RJ Thomas. Metal Picnic Tables will be supplied by Barco.**
- **Tiffany suggested that a future memorial bench be installed near the bicycle tie-up area of near the Trail Yard Restaurant in Miamiville.**
- **Casey will check with one of the ODNR naturalist for advice on best locations for birdhouses along trail. Install on poles. Owl boxes up high on mature trees.**
- **Kris will get additional information on Peace Poles from an artist she knows, but they appear to be thousands of dollars.**

Miamiville Trailhead Memorial Improvements, Ron Gorley, Bruce Cortright

- **Two new steel picnic tables have been installed. Third to be installed tomorrow.**
- **Memorial Bench in honor of Bill Schwinn is supplied by RJ Thomas and will be installed when it arrives.**



## TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS/BEAUTY

*Enhances the trail beyond its current state with substantial changes, increasing its value, beauty, and overall image over time by creating pollinator gardens, raingardens, tree plantings, river vistas, riverbank restorations, railroad memorabilia elements, and developing strong districts and landmarks.*

MM 19.9 – Oregonia Educational Garden, Becky Retzer

- **Will plan on a Fall garden prep and cleanup in the next few weeks.**

MM 28.5 – Morrow Brewery, Becky Retzer

- **Tiffany sent an email to Brewery Owners to move food truck in 2026 away from trail. Will also get rid of dogwoods.**

MM 49 – Camp Dennison Historical Marker

- **Tiffany stated that a Historical Marker would be installed in Camp Dennison at Cunningham Rd.**

## FLMSP VOLUNTEER NEWS/EVENTS

New North Volunteer Crew, Dick Feldmann

- **Volunteer crew wants to get chainsaw training in next few weeks.**

Volunteer Events, Kris Allenson

- **Volunteer Recognition Picnic had 43 volunteers attend. Location worked out well. Next year will most likely plan other options for volunteer gifts.**

Christmas/Holiday Outreach

- **We are not going to send out pizza gift cards.**
- **Suggestion: Each lead have a budget of \$10 per volunteer to either purchase a gift OR take volunteers to breakfast/lunch. This would cover most of our active volunteers.**

## FLMSP TRAIL MAIL

Trail Mail Suggestions, Margee Kirkpatrick / Diane Wright

- **Next issue will be a November/December issue. Will include a brief appeal for year-end donations.**
  - **Miamiville: Need article with pictures (is it OK to mention donation)**
  - **Prairie Shelter Updates - Need article with pictures (mention your donations at work)**
  - **Corwin Restroom – Need article (mention your donations at work)**
  - **Trail Blowing - Need article (mention your donations at work)**

## FLMSP OUTREACH

Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks

- **Both Becky and Dick attended. Friends groups are too specific for campgrounds, lakes, etc. and different than paved trails.**
- **Chief Glen Cobb & Deputy Chief Brady Johnson gave updates on the State of the Ohio State Parks. There was also a presentation by Law Enforcement and the K9's in the park**
- **Talked about regulations on E-Bikes.**

## FUTURE GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

- **WED, January 14TH, 2026 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Virtual on Teams**
- **MOTION: John made a motion to adjourn. Dick seconded. MOTION APPROVED.**