

Ohio River Trail Council



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MINUTES

JULY 23, 2009

7:30PM

MONACA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEETING CALLED BY	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
TYPE OF MEETING	General Membership
FACILITATOR	Vice Chairman – Mario Leone, Jr
NOTE TAKER	Secretary – Rachel Book
ATTENDEES	Vincent Troia, Mario Leone, Jr., Chad McMillen, Diane Kemp, Norm Kraus, Jr., Scott Vidovich, Marlin Erin, John Szatkiewicz, Linda Tice, Rachel Book, Chris Townsell, Rebecca Matsco, John Van Jura, Pam Ronczka,

James Barbuto, Gary Hickman

Agenda topics: Introductions, Community Resolutions North and South Shore, Proposed Route, Letters of Support, DCNR Feasibility Study, Fundraising, Steering Committee North and South Shore, and Railroad & Steel Museum

DISCUSSION	Introductions: Committee members introduced themselves, their position on the Ohio River Trail Council and the organization which they represent.
DISCUSSION SOUTH SHORE	Resolutions --- Mario--- received Monaca \$1000, Center \$1000, Aliquippa \$1000, Hopewell \$1000, South Heights - no money to date, Crescent \$1000, and Moon said to have been approved at last meeting no money to date Outstanding – Coraopolis (it is going to council on 8/14) and Robinson's status is unknown. A county grant has been given \$2000 and \$4000 In kinds.
DISCUSSION NORTH SHORE	Resolutions --- Diane --- All resolutions are out. Some solicitors are re-writing them to submit. She will check with all outstanding resolutions at a meeting she is attending on Tuesday July 28, 2009. Glasgow and Midland

have been received with Midland donating \$1000.

DISCUSSION Proposed Route – Dr. Troia—A right away already exists at the old trolley line the trail will follow this for a good part of the North Shore Trail. –Mario—Most of the trail will be public right of ways, however small portion belongs to Mr. Betters, he has agreed to authorize the Ohio River Trail to pass through his property as well as donate materials to the project. Dr. Barbuto asked about handicap access and if electric wheelchairs would be permitted, suggested looking for additional funding through ADA. He also inquired whether the trail would be paved and it was stated by Dr. Troia that most of the trail will likely be paved. John suggested the Council think about talking to local nursing home facilities and working together to have senior days where the seniors are taken by limo golf carts on the trail. John also talked about The Point of beginning which will be the zero mile marker on the trail:

it is the border of PA and OH you can stand in both states at once.

This is where all surveys in the United States consider zero to be.

DISCUSSION Letters of Support—Dr. Troia—Talked about the letters that have already been received and reminded all individuals present at the meeting to write letters and call representatives to get as many letters of support as possible.

DISCUSSION DCNR Feasibility Study – Mario – DCNR agreed to transfer \$40,000 to the project from Aliquippa. This cut out about 6 months of waiting.

DISCUSSION Fundraising – Mario—reviewed that Scott Vidovich is the chair for Foundations and Companies Committee and Justin Battalini is the chair for individuals, donations, and events & raffles committee.

Fundraising Ideas	Member
Bike Raffle – donated by Snitgers in Beaver	Marlin Erin
Bicycle Rodeo – kids – Fair grounds?	John Szatkiewicz
Purchase a piece of the trail(markers) (benches)	Marlin Erin
Mass mailing to residents of towns asking for donations	Pam Ronczka
Sell T-shirts/water bottles (Logo in the process)	Marlin Erin

*Many of the fundraisers are on hold until the IRS 501 (c) 3 is completed, so donations can be considered tax write offs.

DISCUSSION Steering Committee – Mario—reviewed that the chair for the South Shore project is Tom Stoner and the chair for the North Shore project is Dianne Kemp.

DISCUSSION Railroad & Steel Museum Committee – looking for a location for the museum. Dr. Troia talked about the old train station in Aliquippa for the location of the museum, he contacted the current owner about donating the building. Mario mentioned the old 911 center, and Diane talked about the CIO building in Midland. John mentioned that the Beaver and Brighton Historical societies should be contacted to get artifacts. Mario mentioned

that an overall theme for the trail and museum should be attached to the project.

DISCUSSION -- Web Page – Mario reminded everyone about the web page, he mentioned that Monaca Borough has the website as a link from their webpage. He suggested that all Borough and Municipalities do the same thing.

DISCUSSION Engineering for the feasibility project was brought up at the meeting. It was recommended that Macklin Engineering bid on the project due to their experience with trails. However, at this time it is not know as to who will be making the decision on the Engineering for the Projects Feasibility Study. We would hope that the ORTC would be given an opportunity in this decision process with the RFP".

DISCUSSION

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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Ideas for Fundraising	All individuals present	ASAP
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