

Ohio River Trail Council



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MINUTES

MARCH 30, 2010

7:00PM

ROCHESTER BOROUGH BUILDING

MEETING CALLED BY	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
FACILITATOR	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
NOTE TAKER	Mindy McKee, Secretary

Attendees: Vincent Troia (ORTC CEO – Moon Twp), Mario Leone (ORTC President - Monaca), Roy Weil (Pittsburgh) Bob Weber (Fallston), Ted Smakosz (Fallston), Linda Tice (Ohioville), John Szatkiewicz (Ohioville), Mary Shaw (Pittsburgh), Bob Ward (Rochester), Jim Marshall (14th District Representative), Don Wachter (Mayor Big Beaver & BRRT), Susan Cantanzarita (Industry), Michelle Chevront (Industry), Diane Kemp (Midland), Bob Ward (Ohioville), John Van Jura (First Commonwealth), Patrick Cunningham (Rochester), Dave Smith (Rochester)

Agenda topics: Roll Call, Approval of minutes, CEO Report, Status of South Shore Route Analysis, BRRT Resolution, Merchandising & Order Form, Share the Rd signage, Central Contractor Registration, Rack'n Roll/BCTA, Chairpersons Report: Budget Overview, PA Sales Tax Exemption, Fundraising/Grants, CFC application, Kerri Kamicker Grant Writer, Ambridge Nationality Days, Gary Bywaters, Pending Resolutions, Route Analysis, Right of Way, National Fuel, Calendar,

DISCUSSION	Vincent Troia welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2009 – Motioned John Szatkiewicz –2 nd Roy Weil – all in favor –passed.
DISCUSSION	Vincent stated that the south shore feasibility study is going well. Beaver River Rail Trail Association passed a resolution to have a connection to the ORT. Not sure of where there will be a location. Possibly New Brighton, Fallston, or Rochester.
DISCUSSION	ORTC Merchandising products are available. Please take an order form, the council will benefit from the profits of these sales.
DISCUSSION	The group observed the ORT road signage samples and discussed that signage may require approval from Penn DOT and possible Federal signage guidelines. A vote was taken to approve the signage. All were in favor. A 24" X 24" size was agreed upon.
DISCUSSION	The ORTC has been registered with the US Government Central Contractors. The Beaver County Transit Authority has been sent a letter requesting that they add bike racks to their buses so that people may travel by bus with their bikes to Pittsburgh or another point on the trail.

DISCUSSION	<p>ORTC applied for PA Sales Tax Exemption.</p> <p>The north shore feasibility study needs funding. There is a possibility of a DCNR Grant and also another possible source, the RCTA. Deadlines were discussed.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Application has been made for the Local Combined Federal Campaign to receive employee contributions.</p> <p>Kerri Kamicker a Professional Grant Writer in DC who is originally from Monaca will be researching grants for the ORTC.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Ann O' Toole will be speaking at the next south shore meeting on April 14th in Moon Twp for the public @ 6:00 p.m. There is to be a steering committee meeting prior at 4:30.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the Ambridge Nationality Days May 13, 14 & 15th. ORTC will have a booth outside of the Ambridge Bike Store. Volunteers are needed to pass out brochures, display merchandise, and educate the public and try to gain members and support.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>There was lengthy discussion on the resolutions received from some communities and others in the process and many needing a better understanding of the overall cost. Some communities with less funding will be covered by others and also covered by the ORTC.</p> <p>There was much discussion and review of maps to chart out possible trail routes and gathering and sharing of knowledge and expertise from people representing different communities and charting their comments and ideas. This continued through a coffee break.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The Fallston Veterans Bridge was discussed reviewing when it might be completed and how it might play a part into the trail route.</p> <p>There was discussion of several types of trails including Share the Road, rails-to trails, rails with trails. .</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Amy Camp, Progress for Partners where @ town would have brochures featuring where people can stay and purchase in each town.</p> <p>It was suggested that all review the ORTC website and the wonderful job that Roy Weil and Dr. Vince Troia had done with the web site. There is lots of information, links, sources and current events.</p> <p>There will be an article in the Town Center Association Newsletter, written by Dr Troia, coming to you community soon highlighting the benefits of the ORT.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 20th at 7:00 with registration at 6:30. All were thanked for their participation.</p>

Ohio River Trail Council Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Project: Ohio River Trail
 Facilitator: Dr. Vincent troia
 Place/Room: Rochester, Pa

Date: 30-Mar-10
 Time: 6:30pm registration

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