

February 2015 MARC Minutes

Attendees:

Frank Dombroski

Tyler Dombroski

Bill Hause

Chris Johns

Mike Mills

Bob Stoudt

Dave Walker

Jerry Ward

Public:

Jenn Kline

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Mike Mills.

President's/Treasurer's Report – Mike Mills:

Mike introduced Chris Johns, principal of Liberty Valley Elementary School, as the DASD's new representative on the MARC Board.

Mike did not provide a copy of the Treasurer's Report because it was not fully ready. The report will need to be approved at a later date.

Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

Tyler provided an overview of the previous month's minutes.

Motion made by Bill Hause to accept the minutes; seconded by Jerry Ward; approved unanimously.

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Tyler mentioned that he and Bob had met to discuss the Washingtonville beautification initiative. Bob and Tyler accomplished some initial items but were going to continue to work together in the meantime. Tyler drafted a press release regarding an initial public meeting in the Borough. Bob and Tyler were going to continue to work together on this, get the press release out to the public, and hold the meeting later in the month.

Danville – Bill Hause mentioned that the Borough continues to work on the site plan for the area next to the Municipal Building.

Riverside – No report; no elected representatives present.

Montour County – Jerry Ward declined to make a report.

Danville Area School District – Chris introduced himself to the Board. He mentioned that the school district is trying to do a better job to market itself and would be willing to keep brochures at the school. He thinks improved communication between MARC and DASD needs to occur. Chris also discussed the district's new wellness committee and opportunities to work together.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Assistant Director's Report – John Beam:

John was not able to be in attendance at tonight's meeting. John did provide an assistant director's report however which is a part of the agenda packet. The maple sugaring program continues to move forward successfully.

Expense/Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

Director's Report provided as part of the agenda packet.

The close out audit was submitted for the Montour County Commissioners' 2014 Tourism Fund.

Bob discussed a grant opportunity from the construction of the Williams Transco Pipeline Sunrise project. This application for the grant opportunity was completed with the assistance of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.

Bob discussed continued donations to the maple sugaring program at Montour Preserve.

The gate at the Hess Field complex has been closed.

There has been no word regarding MARC's maintenance of the East Branch Recreation Park outside of Jerseytown.

Bob discussed his presentation regarding the NBCT at the public meeting held earlier in the month. Bob also discussed recent work days that have taken place.

Bob reported that the Humdinger has sold out. This is the fastest it has ever sold out. Bob also provided updates regarding other RTRS event registrations.

Bob gave an update regarding the number of hours he has worked for the Columbia County services contract.

Expense report provided as part of the agenda packet. Motion made by Jerry Ward to approve these bills; seconded by Frank Dombroski; approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Montour Preserve

Bob discussed a letter he received from PPL regarding a meeting he and Commissioner Finn had about the transfer of educational facility oversight. PPL responded that they are not willing to provide funds to help MARC transition into overseeing these buildings. Bob and Commissioner Finn are to meet with PPL

to see what other options are available. Bob and John Beam have created a preliminary budget on what they think it would cost for general maintenance costs to operate these buildings.

New Business:

2015 Mowing/Lawn Care IFB

Bob outlined the IFB for the 2015 Mowing Contract. Little has changed from the previous year's contract. Bob did update some of the mowing maps as needed. Bob also noted that MARC may or may not be maintaining the East Branch Recreation Area in 2015. Hopewell Park has also been added for 2015. The NBCT mowing needs will continue to change as construction occurs. Bob also noted that a 36 inch wide walk behind mower will be the maximum size that will be used to conduct mowing. Columbia County will reimburse MARC for work conducted in its jurisdiction.

Motion made by Tyler Dombroski to approve the IFB; seconded by Frank Dombroski; approved unanimously.

2015 MARC priorities

Bob discussed his draft strategic plan for MARC in 2015. He requested that the MARC Board members review this plan before the March meeting and make comments as necessary. Mike Mills suggested keeping 2016 goals in mind as Board members review the plan.

Other Items:

Bob mentioned that he received a letter from PIRMA and everything insurance wise is adequate.

Adjournment:

Dave Walker made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm; seconded by Frank Dombroski; carried unanimously.