

## December 2015 MARC Minutes

### Attendees:

Will Carswell

Tyler Dombroski

Heather Good

Chris Johns

Mike Mills

Bob Stoudt

Dave Walker

Joe Ward

Jerry Ward

### Public:

Lloyd Bunch

Ken Holdern

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

### President/Treasurer Report – Mike Mills:

*Farwell to Commissioner Jerry Ward and Jamie Hosterman*

Mike thanked Jerry for his service on the board over the years. Jerry thanked the board for their support.

Mike also thanked Jamie for his service on the MARC board. Jamie is already off of the school board so he did not represent the school board this evening.

### *Approval of Accounts Payable*

Mike passed around the accounts payable. Multiple bills were over \$500. The electric bill for the Education Center seems somewhat high right now. Jerry suggested doing an energy audit. If any changes to the building are made, they become the property of Talen.

Bob also purchased a new leaf blower to clear leaves off of our trails.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Mike provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Dave Walker to accept the Treasurer's Report ; seconded by Chris Johns; approved unanimously.

### Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

Motion made by to Joe Ward accept the Secretary's Report upon correction of the typo; seconded by Jerry Ward; approved unanimously.

### Partner Reports:

*Washingtonville* – Tyler reported on the “Welcome to Washingtonville” signs recently installed around the borough. Tyler thanked everyone involved for their help.

*Danville* – Will Carswell reported that he now lives in Valley Township.

*Riverside* – No representatives from the borough were present to make a report.

*Montour County* – Jerry reported that it has been a pleasure to serve. Jerry also stated that the board should not be afraid to ask Enviro-Thon for a donation to use the preserve's facilities. Enviro-Thon is financed by PA DEP.

Joe also stated that a trailer is needed to get 150 bales of hay. Jerry suggested using the county's trailer. This is needed for the Humdinger as well as the NBCT.

*Danville Area School District* – Jamie reported that it has been a pleasure to serve.

### Public Comment:

Ken Holdren reported that he had talked with his contact with the Degenstein Foundation. Their foundation is currently reorganizing. They should be making a visit to the preserve in January so Bob can make a presentation to them. Bill Lavage has also made contacts to representatives at Geisinger.

### Assistant Director's Report – Jon Beam:

Jon submitted his report via email. Jon has conducted numerous educational programs were recently coordinated by Jon at the Preserve. A donation was recently made specifically for the continued operation of the various educational programs at the preserve.

### Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

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

No complaints were raised at Hopewell Park during deer season.

Bob reported that the security system at the education center has been malfunctioning. This system alerts the PPL, Talen, and the Washingtonville power plant. Bob had a professional look at the system

and it appears it needs replaced. The system is dated back to the 1980's. Bob stated it will cost about \$4,000 to replace. Bob hopes we do not have to replace the system.

Bob also stated that 30 donations have been received in memory of Bill Haise totaling \$1895.

Bob reported that a grant ceremony will be taking place at the Pine Bar. MARC will be receiving grant money.

Bob handed out pamphlets that have been created about the Montour Preserve.

We were also recently in a trail runner magazine.

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

Old Business:

*2016 accounting format*

Bob met with Susan Shultz about the reformatting of MARC's financial figures due to the Montour Preserve. He had multiple questions for Susan. Bob also consulted with Harold Hurst about this as well as PA DCED's and the Department of Revenue website. Some questions remained unanswered. Jerry suggested working with Senator Gordner's office. Many of Bob's questions centered around MARC's charitable status, tax requirements, etc. These answers should be taken care of by January's meeting.

*NBCT bridge engineering*

Bob met with Trish Crothers, Steve Herman, Wes Ferighner, and Jerry Walls. The TAP grant funding will not be able to be utilized for 2016. Projects need to be shovel ready.

Bob did not have the engineering requests for proposals complete.

New Business:

*Montour Preserve snow removal*

Bob contacted multiple firms regarding our need for snow removal services. Bob also reviewed the requirements needed to perform this work.

Mike opened quotes for snow removal at the preserve.

<b>Firm:</b>	<b>Snow Clearing:</b>	<b>Ice Melt Materials &amp; Application:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
Betts Excavating	\$315/service	\$270/service	\$245 Anti -Skid Material
Earthworks Services	\$485/service	\$455/service	----- -
Seth Eyer	\$1,370/service	\$910/service	Not to exceed 2,500 lbs. pre application

Watson Excavating	\$648/service	\$405/service	----- -
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Motion made by Dave Walker to approve Betts Excavating's quote upon submission of the necessary insurance requirements; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; approved unanimously.

*2016 River Towns Race Series final approval*

Bob reported that there has been one more change to the RTRS schedule. The January trail run at the preserve will not take place due to time constraints. Additional bike races have been added to the RTRS schedule. Bob has been in contact with Dave Decoteau about this. Bob stated that profits from these races will be tentatively split 75/25 in Dave's favor. Dave will do most of the work. There were no objections to this. If a profit is not made, MARC will not pay Dave. No upfront costs will be needed from MARC.

Motion made by Dave Walker to approve the 2016 RTRS schedule; seconded by Jerry Ward; approved unanimously. The schedule will be released to the public as soon as possible.

Other Items:

*WNEP Power to Save feature re: Montour Preserve*

Don Jacobs meet with Bob and Jon regarding the Montour Preserve as their story of the year. Donations will be requested in their program. It will air Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at either 7 or 7:30 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Dave Walker to adjourn; seconded by Jerry Ward; approved unanimously.

Adjournment took place at 8:04 pm.