

## June 13, 2016 MARC Meeting Minutes

### MARC Attendees:

Mike Mills  
Commissioner Ken Holdren  
Chris Johns  
Heather Good  
Greg Kovalick  
Joe Ward  
Bill Lavage  
Frank Dombroski  
Dr. Victor Marks

Bob Stoudt  
Alana Crisp (Bloomsburg University intern)

### Public:

Lloyd Bunch  
Ralph Schumacher  
Kathy Schumacher  
Jennifer Kline

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Mike Mills.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **President's Report**

President Mills noted the absence of Secretary Tyler Dombroski. Stoudt will act as Secretary for this meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Ken Holdren provided an overview of MARC's financial statements. Commissioner Holdren noted that the reports from Ozark & Shultz has gotten MARC's accounting closer to a desired final format, but several changes are still needed, including the timing and recording of grant income and expenses. He will contact Ozark & Shultz to coordinate the final desired changes.

Commissioner Holdren noted that MARC continues to operate on a nearly break-even basis. Commissioner Holdren noted the county's recent \$5,000 contribution to MARC from the county's Act 13 funds and further noted that the county has not yet received its 2016 allocation from the state. When those funds are received, the county may be able to provide additional funding to MARC.

Motion to approve the financial reports by Joe Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Lavage. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Secretary's Report**

In Secretary Tyler Dombroski's absence, Stoudt provided hard copies of the May minutes. President Mills asked for comments or corrections, but none were noted.

Motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Holdren, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Johns. Motion approved unanimously.

## **PARTNER REPORTS**

### **Washingtonville Borough**

Frank Dombroski noted that the borough had received the Welcome to Washingtonville banners, but was awaiting the receipt of the mounting hardware. Installation will be done as soon as possible.

### **Danville Borough**

Greg Kovalick noted the 6/11 Old Forge Brewing Co. 5k Beer Run at the Hess Recreation Area.

### **Riverside Borough**

Dr. Victor Marks and Bill Lavage reported no new developments regarding Riverside Borough.

### **Montour County**

Commissioner Holdren noted the county's recent \$5,000 contribution to MARC from the county's Act 13 funds. Commissioner Holdren also noted Talen Energy's recent announcement regarding the dual-fueling of the Montour Plant. While good for the continued viability of the Montour Preserve, there will likely be a workforce reduction at the plant. The Montour County Commissioners hope to meet soon with Talen Energy representatives to discuss the ongoing changes at the plant and advocate for increased support of the Montour Preserve.

### **Danville Area School District**

Chris Johns reported that the district had not yet appointed a second representative to MARC's board to replace Jamie Hosterman, but discussions are ongoing.

### **Public Comment**

MARC's summer intern Alana Crisp introduced herself to the board and audience, discussing her work with MARC to date. Board members welcomed her to the meeting and thanked her for her assistance.

Ralph Schumacher discussed the Schumacher Rugby Classic, held recently at the Hess Recreation Area, and noted the 2017 date would be Saturday, May 27. Stoudt has updated the calendar accordingly.

### **Assistant Director's Report**

President Mills read aloud the written report included in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Holdren noted that he would be following up with regional county commissioners for possible support of the Montour Preserve, particularly focusing on those counties with the most schools using the Preserve. The board briefly discussed school group use of the Preserve and Stoudt reported better than expected donations from school groups, including a recent \$1,000 donation from the Danville Home & School Association.

### **Director's Report**

Stoudt's expense report was reviewed. No concerns or objections were noted. Motion by Commissioner Holdren to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Dombroski. Motion approved unanimously.

Stoudt reviewed several highlights of the expense report and written Director's report, including the recent opening of an account at Sam's Club as had been recommended at MARC's May meeting. Stoudt noted the key points in his report, including the good progress on the North Branch Canal Trail project and the recent developments with the Montour Preserve security system and HVAC system.

### **Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

### **New Business**

**Montour Preserve 2016/2017 lease renewal** - Stoudt provided an overview of MARC's operations at the Montour Preserve to date, including a detailed summary of MARC's fundraising and expenses. MARC has to date raised \$161,400.18, while spending \$51,747.10. Stoudt hopes to finish the 2015/2016 lease year under budget, though many factors are beyond MARC's control. Stoudt expressed confidence in MARC's ability to raise the remaining funds needed for a one-year extension of the Montour Preserve lease. Because MARC must notify Talen Energy by July 30 of its intention to renew or not renew the annual lease and because this meeting is MARC's last meeting before that date (no July meeting), Stoudt recommended to the board that MARC contact Talen Energy to request a one-year extension to the lease.

Motion by Bill Lavage to contact Talen Energy to request a one-year extension to the Montour Preserve lease, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holdren; motion approved unanimously.

### **Other Items**

Joe Ward noted that the Ridgefield Point Loop Trail at the Montour Preserve is in need of mowing. Stoudt will check with Big Pop's Mowing to make sure the trail is part of their regular mowing schedule.

Greg Kovalick noted the grass near the North Branch Canal Trail trailhead in Mahoning Township was also higher than normal. Stoudt noted that the grass along the trail was being deliberately left higher than normal to help protect the trail surface during construction.

Stoudt reported that he would be taking time off during the next few weeks. Stoudt has coordinated with Jon Beam and Denny Piatt for coverage of job duties.

### **Adjournment**

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Stoudt  
(acting secretary)  
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