

March 13, 2017 MARC Meeting Minutes

MARC Attendees:

Bob Stoudt
Frank Dombroski
Tyler Dombroski
Commissioner Ken Holdren
Chris Johns
Bill Lavage
Heather Good
Dave Walker
Bob Stoudt

Public:

Bill Seward

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Bob Stoudt. Frank Dombroski served as acting President for the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report

None. President Mills not present.

Treasurer's Report

Ken noted to remove the Montour County Act 13 grant monies (\$19,000) from Montour County portion of the financial report under "other current assets" until the monies become available. Motion to approve by Ken Holdren, 2nd by Dave Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Bob noted the February meeting minutes. No comments/corrections. Motion to approve by Ken Holdren, 2nd by Bill Lavage. Motion passed unanimously.

PARTNER REPORTS

Washingtonville Borough

On 4/29, there will be a borough cleanup day. Danville LL to assist. 1:00-5:00pm.

Danville Borough

Nothing new to report.

Riverside Borough

None

Montour County

None

Danville Area School District

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jon Beam noted recent maple sugaring programming at the Montour Preserve, as well as planning for the upcoming PA Master Naturalist program at the Preserve.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Denny Piatt supplemented the Maintenance Technician's report in the agenda packet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- *See "Other Items"*

NEW BUSINESS

Montour Preserve USDA Wildlife Control contract renewal

A discussion focused on the need to renew. Motion by Bill Lavage. 2nd by Tyler Dombroski.

Staff Performance Reviews

Bob will schedule performance reviews with John and Denny in the next few weeks. Bob stated he couldn't ask for any more from either and that they are great assets to the organization. Motion by Ken Holdren, 2nd by Dave Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 Summer Intern

Bob noted it will not be likely that a summer intern will be possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Part-time maintenance job posting

A discussion about the need for hiring a seasonal maintenance position was presented by Bob. Motion to advertise for such a position by Ken Holdren. 2nd by Bill Lavage. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

Hopewell Park Bike/Jump Skills Area Proposal

Bob, Dave Decoteau, and Elijah Evans have been reworking the layout of the skills park.

Interscholastic Mountain Biking Team

The DASD School Board approved creation of the Outdoor and Trails Club at their February meeting. The school's team (Central Susquehanna Hammers) will operate under this club. A parent information meeting is now scheduled for April 6 at the HS cafeteria.

Riverside Borough / Montour County river access

Bob shared renderings of the signage that are being proposed for access points along the river.

New Park Signage

Bob shared renderings of the signage to be posted at Hess Fields, North Branch Canal Trail, East Branch Recreation Area, Montour Preserve. Signs signifying "No Dog Walking" at The Preserve are being posted, also.

DCNR Montour Preserve “Other Parks” grant

Still awaiting the awarding of the \$90,000 portion of the grant. The remaining \$10,000 of the grant would be pending upon a clean audit.

NBCT landowner dispute

Bob has met with Attorney Marks and they are crafting a course of action. An update should be upcoming at the April meeting.

Montour Preserve annual visitor estimate

Bob shared his estimates of the number of visitors at the Preserve. Stoudt calculates approximately 70,000 visitors at the Preserve in 2016.

MARC Employee Handbook

Bob is working with several sources to put together a draft of an employee handbook for MARC. Chris and Greg will work with Bob to review the draft and present to the board at the April meeting.

PPL Foundation grant / Montour County recreation planning

The likelihood of this grant is unlikely according to Bob, because MARC is not a 501(c)(3) entity.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting President Frank Dombroski adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher D. Johns
MARC Board Secretary
3/13/17