

September 2015 MARC Minutes

Attendees:

Tyler Dombroski

Heather Good

Bill Hause

Chris Johns

Bill Lavage

Mike Mills

Bob Stoudt

Dave Walker

Jerry Ward

Public:

Ken Holdren

Dan Knorr

Jean Knouse

Ralph Schmacher

Ben Stoudt

Brian Stoudt

Lauren Stoudt

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

President/Treasurer Report – Mike Mills:

Mike provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Tyler Dombroski to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jamie Hosterman; approved unanimously

Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

Tyler provided an overview of the previous month's minutes. Motion made by to Jerry Ward accept the Secretary's Report; seconded by David Walker; approved unanimously.

Partner Reports:

Washingtonville – Tyler discussed the welcome to the community signs project. Tyler thanked Bob for his help developing the sign's logo.

Danville – Dan Knorr was in attendance for the evening's meeting. He provided an overview on numerous projects going on in the borough. Dan stated that work is going to be taking place at the Memorial Park downtown to do improvement work. He also provided an update on the FQ Hartman project. Work is also scheduled to take place at the Washies Playground parking lot. All projects are CDBG funded. Dan also discussed the work taking place at Hopewell Park. Dan also stated that the borough is looking to do additional planning work in town, doing an inventory of shade trees, and raising the levee system (with the hope to do additional trail work).

Riverside – Bill Lavage stated that he had talked to Debi Bausch, the Borough Secretary. She stated that the borough is hoping to put in a kayak launch in the future.

Montour County – Jerry Ward declined to make a report.

Danville Area School District – Chris stated that the school district dedicated its new 5k course.

Public Comment:

Jean Knouse discussed the DACC 5k race. It is scheduled November 7th. The race starts at 9 am. Jean thinks this would be a great opportunity for both MARC and the DACC to work together. Jean stated that the DACC annually gets an average of 210-275 participants. This would be a RTRS points race. Jean also discussed sponsorships, financial details, logistical concerns, and the race t-shirts. Bob is quite supportive of MARC holding the event in support of DACC.

Ken Holdren introduced himself as the new probable county commissioner and to show his interest in MARC affairs.

Ralph stated that his rugby event is anticipated to take place in May 2016. He also reported on other local rugby happenings.

Assistant Director's Report – Jon Beam:

Jon worked on the NBCT with Bob as well as at Hopewell Park.

Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

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

Bob provided specific overview regarding the financial status of the Montour Preserve fund. Bob also discussed wrap-up of a number of other grants and accounts. The Williams Transco Pipeline grant has not been received.

Bob reported that vandalism took place at the East Branch Recreation Area. Donuts were made on the grounds. A state police report was filed.

Expense report provided as part of the agenda packet. Bob discussed specific purchases for NBCT kiosks and trimming equipment. These purchases were made with the help of Service 1st's recent generous donation.

Motion made by Bill Hause to approve these bills; seconded by Dave Walker; approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Montour Preserve lease agreement (documents provided separately)

Two documents were provided: 1) a lease agreement for the Montour Preserve (with the exception of the Visitors Center) and 2) a sublease agreement for the Visitors Center.

The lease agreement needs additional language regarding the exception of the Visitors Center. Tyler questioned why the agreement has the commencement date was listed as August 1. Bob stated that it should be October 1. Bob stated that a vote on the agreement could not take place today because it has not been completely finalized. Once it is finalized, it will be voted on by MARC's Board via email.

The sublease agreement for the Visitors Centers also needs additional language added to it. This language would pertain to who the lease reverts to if MARC were to fail in the future. Once this is finalized, it will be voted on by MARCs' Board via email.

Montour Preserve cleaning service

A vote cannot take place until the Montour County lease agreements are approved.

Montour Preserve lawn care

A vote cannot take place until the Montour County lease agreements are approved.

New Business:

Withdrawal from CSCF fund for NBCT expenses

Bob would like to use this funding to reimburse MARC for current NBCT expenses. Motion made by Jerry Ward to approve this reimbursement; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; approved unanimously.

PIRMA Renewal

Bob discussed the renewal of our insurance. This turned out to be much cheaper than anticipated even with the additional Montour Preserve coverage. Motion made by Tyler Dombroski to approve the renewal; seconded by Chris Johns; approved unanimously.

Other Items:

Service 1st donation to MARC

Bob discussed the golf tournament that he participated in with Mike coordinated by Service 1st. A donation of \$12,500 was made to MARC. Thank you, Service 1st.

Riverside Borough donation to MARC

Riverside Borough made a \$500 donation to MARC. Thank you, Riverside Borough.

October 1 NBCT partial grand opening

Bob discussed the coordination of this event on October 1. Parking will take place at the nearby soccer fields. He also provided an overview of what portions of the trail that have been completed. Bob showed a draft map that he has created for the NBCT. A formal invitation will be sent out this week.

MARC 10th Anniversary

Bob reminded everyone that this year is MARC's 10 year anniversary. Jerry also stated that Dave Decoteau was instrumental in getting MARC to where it is at today.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Chris Johns to adjourn; seconded by Bill Lavage; approved unanimously.

Adjournment took place at 8:10 pm.