

## October 2015 MARC Minutes

### Attendees:

Tyler Dombroski

Heather Good

Jamie Hosterman

Bill Lavage

Mike Mills

Bob Stoudt

Dave Walker

Joe Ward

### Public:

Gary Lewis

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

### President/Treasurer Report – Mike Mills:

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

Three bills which were above \$500 needed to be approved separated. These bills were from Elijah Evans, Big Pop's Mowing, and Pannier.

Motion made by Jamie Hosterman to approve payment of these additional bills; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; approved unanimously.

### Secretary's Report – Tyler Dombroski:

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

### Partner Reports:

*Washingtonville* – Tyler reported that the borough has received its welcome to the community signs and now just needs to install them. Tyler also reported that the borough voted at its last council meeting to move forward with its banner program. Bob also showed the PennDOT beautification recognition sign that was installed on October 1.

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

*Riverside* – Bill Lavage declined to make a report.

*Montour County* – No representative from the county was present to make a report.

*Danville Area School District* – Jamie Hosterman declined to make a report.

Public Comment:

Gary stated that he was interested in what were the latest developments concerning the Montour Preserve and ways members of the public could volunteer. Bob stated that MARC is unable to have volunteers participate with mowing. Gary is a member of the Northern Montour Sportsmen Group.

Assistant Director's Report – Jon Beam:

Bob stated that Jon has worked on the NBCT, the Montour Preserve, and did a presentation for Turbotville Elementary first-graders during a recent field to the Preserve. Jon also prepared the first MARC Montour Preserve newsletter.

Director's Report – Bob Stoudt:

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

Bob discussed work and media coverage concerning the NBCT. Elijah Evans and Dave Decoteau were very helpful with getting this work done. The grand opening took place on October 1. Bob also gave an update on vegetation and trail clearing as well as bridge and culvert crossings. Bob also stated that MARC is starting to look to receive engineering proposals for the bridge work.

Bob stated that the Commissioners' Tourism Grant from the County Commissioners has been suspended for next year. This grant program will be dependent upon the decisions of the incoming Montour County Commissioners.

The WilliamsTransco Pipeline grant has been received by the Susquehanna Greenway. MARC can start reimbursing itself with these funds to conduct work on the NBCT.

No report on vandalism at East Branch Recreation area. Bob reported that vandalism has also recently occurred at Hess Field.

Hopewell Park continues to progress.

Bob reported that an informational meeting will take place tomorrow evening at the Montour Preserve Visitors Center. Bob also reported on taxidermy mounts that MARC must deal with. Electricity billing has also been transferred from PPL to MARC. The cleaning services contract will not be needed until next spring. Big Pop's Mowing will be out to the Preserve to mow tomorrow. The Montour Preserve website has also been launched.

The MARC and RTRS websites have both been updated.

Expense report provided as part of the agenda packet. Motion made by Jamie Hosterman to approve these bills; seconded by Bill Lavage; approved unanimously.

Old Business:

*No old business was discussed.*

New Business:

*Accounting categorization and reporting*

Bob discussed that MARC has looked to do some separating of its accounting. It was suggested by Ozark and Shultz to have NBCT revenues/expenses separated from other revenues/expenses. Bob thought this would be good for other categories as well to do a better job of disclosing administration expenses. This separation would start for calendar year 2016.

*NBCT bridge engineering*

Bob was not able to discuss the Brinkash Engineering proposal because he was unable to review it. A Request for Proposals will need to be put out to the public due to the engineering price according to current Pennsylvania Borough Code.

*November meeting date change*

Bob will be in South Dakota the day of the regularly scheduled MARC meeting. Advertising will need to be done with a meeting date change. Joe Ward suggested moving the meeting to the third Monday in November. No objections were made regarding this date change.

*Meeting location move to Montour Preserve Education Center*

In addition to change the November meeting date, Bob brought up the idea of having both the November meeting as well as all future MARC meetings at the Montour Preserve. One suggestion was made about alternating meetings between the Montour Preserve and the Danville Municipal Building however this would likely lead to confusion in the future. Tyler suggested it might be good to have future meetings at the Preserve given the current community interest. Heather concurred.

Motion made by Dave Walker to hold all future MARC meetings at the Montour Preserve; seconded by Tyler Dombroski; approved unanimously.

Other Items:

*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Get-Together*

Mike Mills suggested that MARC should have a celebration for MARC's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bob thought the end of the year might be a good time to have such an event.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Joe Ward to adjourn; seconded by Bill Lavage; approved unanimously.

Adjournment took place at 7:49 pm.