

Minutes

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

Minutes for the Open Monthly Meeting – November 3, 2015

President Mike Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

In Attendance:

Members - Katie Siciak, Mike Morrison, Tom Myatt, Pat Rosenthal, , Mark Tolpin, Nancy Wojick, Bill Kavanaugh, Gary Bonetti, Julie Morales, Guru Simran Kaur Khalsa-Bob, Margaret Myatt, Dave Wilkie, Rita Wilkie

Non-members – N/A

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Margaret Myatt made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Julie Morales seconded, passed unanimously.

Updates presented by Mike Morrison, President:

- Update from Reno who was unable to attend the November meeting, “I have reviewed the subject plan and find it acceptable. G&H has completed their work. Please process the invoice for payment. Nothing of significance to report regarding trail remedial work. Highway Dept. has been too busy. They should get back to trail work next month. I am still working on the “Mt. Pleasant St. to the Trail Head at the Commuter Parking Lot” signage plan.”
- The trail cleanup is scheduled for November 7th. Email has been sent out to the Adopters of the trail but we have only heard from 6 adopters. A poster for the trail cleanup has been posted on most of the kiosks along to the trail.
- National Grid will be working on the power lines along the trail in November and December. There will be heavy equipment brought on the trail with police. Portions of the trail may be closed while the work in being done.

Granite Bench Update: Pat rode her bike along the trail with Susan Taylor to take a look at the open spots for the granite bench. She would like a spot by Louisa Lake.

Update presented by Julie Morales, Vice President:

- Expect to see 6-8 new members from the Pumpkin Stroll event. It was successful event. A poster of the mission statement for the Friends was printed and shown at the event.
- Website: Pulling content off the old website and reformat to work with the new website and to be compatible with the JAWs software to make the website accessible.
- An inquiry came through the website from a friend of an avid trail user, Karen Hall, who would like to do some kind of memorial for her friend. She doesn't have the funds for a granite bench but if there is another way to do a memorial.

Update presented by Tom Myatt, Treasurer: Total Income: \$6,038.86, Total Expenses: \$2,688.02, Net Change: \$3,350.84 Closing Balance: \$21,567.71 Opening Spending Authorizations: \$17,993.98, Uncommitted Funds: \$3,573.73.

Update presented by Katie Siciak, Secretary: Email correspondence with the trail has been mostly about the fall cleanup. The website stats for the month of October were 518 Page loads, 443 Unique Visits, 402 First time visits, and 41 returning visits.

Membership Committee: Membership remains at 79 members.

Maintenance & Enhancement presented by Nancy Wojick: The trail is in good shape. A few different people have gone out on the trail already to pick up trash.

Old Business: Rita Wilkie asked about the status of the mile markers along the trail. *Action:* We will follow up with Sheldon and Bee Lines about labeling the trail.

New Business:

- Bill Kavanaugh was wondering if on the kiosks there could be distances to certain points of interest listed so visitors can get an idea of how far they are traveling.
- Scheduling for a meet-and-greet tentative for a week day the first week of February.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1, 2015 Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm.