

## **March 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*NOTE: This meeting was conducted through the Zoom meeting platform due to COVID-19 restrictions.  
No in-person meeting was held.*

### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

#### **MARC BOARD MEMBERS**

Chris Johns, Tyler Dombroski, Dr. Kendra Boell, Frank Dombroski, Heather Good, Chadd Roadarmel, Kyle Postupack, Dr. John Bulger, Kevin Herritt, Larry Robertson, Kevin Romansik, T.S. Scott, Commissioner Dan Hartman, Mike Mills

#### **MARC STAFF**

Bob Stoudt

#### **PUBLIC**

Otto Kurecian (CMVB), Wayne Kashner, Dr. Eric Miller, Brett Johnston, Dr. Victor Marks

#### **MEDIA**

Joe Sylvester (Daily Item), Geri Gibbons (Press-Enterprise)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Tyler Dombroski.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Eric Miller, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Bloomsburg University, representing the Bloomsburg Citizens' Climate Lobby, addressed the group seeking the endorsement of local municipalities and civic organizations for support on federal action on climate change, particularly the Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. Information provided by Dr. Miller was included in the meeting agenda packet.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Dombroski noted that he and Stoudt have met several times during the past month. Dombroski thanked outgoing board member Dr. Kendra Boell for her years of service. Dr. Boell noted she has enjoyed her time on the board and will continue to volunteer with the group.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Dr. Bulger and Stoudt reviewed the Treasurer's report provided as pages 2 – 14 of the meeting agenda packet. Stoudt noted that the annual contribution of \$25,000 from Geisinger was received on March 15. Stoudt thanked Geisinger for the ongoing support.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Dr. Boell*

*Second: Frank Dombroski*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Johns called the group's attention to the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting as distributed with the meeting agenda packet.

*Motion to approve the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes: T.S. Scott*

*Second: Dr. John Bulger*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **PARTNER REPORTS**

### **WASHINGTONVILLE BOROUGH**

Chairman Dombroski noted that Stoudt continues to help with small maintenance projects within the borough. DeLong Park is now open and seeing heavy use and the weather becomes nicer.

### **DANVILLE BOROUGH**

Kevin Herritt noted that early work has begun on Canal Park and spring maintenance has started in Memorial Park. Chadd Roadarmel noted things are looking good at the Hess Loop Trail.

### **RIVERSIDE BOROUGH**

Nothing new to report.

### **MONTOUR COUNTY**

Nothing new to report.

### **DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Chris Johns reported that the district recently completed a very successful winter sports season. Boys basketball, both swimming and diving teams, as well as wrestling all have very successful campaigns. Spring sports has begun over the last few weeks and teams are now outside and enjoying the nicer weather. The district has been in conversations about expanding the Hammers Mountain Bike Team to include younger riders.

### **MAHONING TOWNSHIP**

Nothing new to report.

## **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report provided in the meeting agenda packet.

## **MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Reports provided in the meeting agenda packet.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report provided in meeting agenda packet.

Stoudt called the group's attention to the summary of the Talen Energy / Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association settlement agreement as summarized on pages 26 – 31 of the meeting agenda packet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DCNR PARK REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR HOPEWELL PARK PUMP TRACK**

Stoudt reported that MARC has so far raised \$139,270 in donations and pledges, including \$50,000 pledged by the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau, for the Hopewell Park Pump Track project. This amount far exceeds Stoudt's expectations and Stoudt commended Dr. Victor Marks, Dr. Victor Marks, Jr., Dr. Jon Gabrielsen, Dr. John Bulger, Dr. Matt McElroy, Harold Schrawder, and Chadd Roadarmel for their significant fundraising efforts. Stoudt requested approval to apply to the 2021 DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development grant program for \$125,000, to be matched by MARC, to support the engineering, design, permitting, and construction of the Hopewell Park Pump Track.

*Motion to approve applying to the 2021 DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development grant program in the amount of \$125,000, to be matched by \$125,000 in funding secured by MARC: T.S. Scott*

*Second: Kevin Herritt*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **DANVILLE YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY GRANT APPLICATION**

Stoudt requested approval to apply to the Danville Youth in Philanthropy grant program for \$1,500 in grant funding to support the MARC / Washingtonville Revitalization Committee's effort to develop stream access locations along Chillisquaque Creek in and near Washingtonville.

*Motion to approve applying to the Danville Youth in Philanthropy grant program: Dr. Boell*

*Second: Heather Good*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **2021 CHILLI CHALLENGE**

Stoudt requested approval to begin securing the necessary permits and permissions needed to host the 2021 Chilli Challenge Adventure Triathlon at the Montour Preserve on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

*Motion to approve: Commissioner Hartman*

*Second: Dr. Boell*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **EXPENSE APPROVALS**

Stoudt requested authority to pay the following expenses:

- 1) \$275 to be withdrawn from the MARC Washingtonville Revitalization Fund at the Community Giving Foundation to provide funding to the Montour DeLong Fair for log cabin restoration efforts. These funds were donated to the MARC fund specifically for this purpose.
- 2) \$1,303.80 for payment to Digital Ensigns for the fabrication of signage for the Hopewell Park trail system.
- 3) An amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the repair of Montour Preserve picnic area plumbing.
- 4) An amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the purchase of gravel for Montour Preserve maintenance.
- 5) An amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the purchase of charcoal grills to replace existing units at the Montour Preserve.

*Motion to approve: Commissioner Hartman (item 1) / T.S. Scott (items 2 through 5)*

*Second: Dr. Boell (item 1) / Chadd Roadarmel (items 2 through 5)*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **OTHER ITEMS**

Stoudt noted the possibility of offering an in-person meeting option next month at the Montour Preserve if internet service can be repaired in time and if COVID conditions allow.

Stoudt noted that every board member was in attendance for this meeting, as was incoming board member Brett Johnson. Stoudt thanked all for their continued support of MARC's efforts.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dombroski adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Johns  
Secretary