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## **May 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Montour Preserve Environmental Education Center, 374 Preserve Rd, Danville, PA 17821  
and online through Zoom

### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

#### **MARC BOARD MEMBERS (in person)**

Tyler Dombroski, Frank Dombroski, Tami Gabrielsen, Bill Byron, Brett Johnson, Marlene Gunther, Kristin Mikita

#### **MARC BOARD MEMBERS (online)**

Dr. John Bulger, Commissioner Dan Hartman, Chadd Roadarmel, Chris Johns

#### **MARC STAFF**

Bob Stoudt (in person), Craig Reinard (online)

#### **PUBLIC (in person)**

Chris Hall

#### **PUBLIC (online)**

Wayne Kashner, Otto Kurecian (Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau)

#### **MEDIA (in person)**

none

#### **MEDIA (online)**

none

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Chairman Tyler Dombroski noted he continues to meet regularly with Stoudt for updates and bill payment as needed.

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

Dr. Bulger referred attendees to the Treasurer's Report as provided on pages 2 – 16 of the meeting agenda packet. There were no transactions out of the ordinary during the last month and no items of concern.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Bill Byron*

*Second: Marlene Gunther*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Chairman Dombroski called the group's attention to the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting as distributed with the meeting agenda packet. No concerns or corrections were noted.

*Motion to approve the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes: Marlene Gunther*

*Second: Brett Johnson*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **PARTNER REPORTS**

### **WASHINGTONVILLE BOROUGH**

Chairman Dombroski reported work continues to conclude the buyout process for the parcels along Mill Road in Derry Township. These parcels may be developed into a new 'Mill Park' with a hand-carry access point to Chillisquaque Creek, so long as all permitting and other restrictions can be addressed.

Chairman Dombroski reported he and Stoudt had done a kayak float on the Chillisquaque Creek from shortly upstream of Washingtonville Borough to south of Potts Grove and encountered several log jams. He and Stoudt will discuss options for a stream cleanup event this summer.

Chairman Dombroski noted the Washingtonville Revitalization Committee and MARC will be hosting a Washingtonville History Hike and Van Wagner concert on Sunday, June 26. Options for food are being considered.

### **DANVILLE BOROUGH**

Chadd Roadarmel noted nothing new to report.

### **RIVERSIDE BOROUGH**

Stoudt reported that Elizabeth Rake (Riverside Borough Council representative) had asked to note the Riverside Borough / Southside Fire Company's Carnival will begin on Tuesday, May 24, and run through Saturday, May 28.

### **MONTOUR COUNTY**

Commissioner Hartman noted the county had recently completed the spring primary elections without significant incidents.

Brett Johnson commented that the trails at Hopewell Park are being maintained in good condition and are seeing considerable usage.

### **DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Chris Johns noted nothing new to report.

### **MAHONING TOWNSHIP**

Marlene Gunther noted the latest developments on the proposed bicycle/pedestrian improvements along Bloom Road. The township is waiting for PennDOT to complete planned repairs along the roadway before moving forward with the planned bicycle/pedestrian improvements.

## **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR / NATURALIST'S REPORT**

Report provided on page 17 of the meeting agenda packet.

## **SENIOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Report provided on page 17 of the meeting agenda packet.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report provided on pages 18 - 32 of the meeting agenda packet. Stoudt reported that MARC had so far received \$1,530 in donations in memory of Larry Robertson and an additional \$2,950 in donations in memory of Byron Roth (former Montour Preserve employee).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MONTOUR PRESERVE TREE CUTTING EXPENSE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

Stoudt requested approval to spend up to \$2,500 for professional tree cutting services to remove several hazardous trees along Preserve Road at the Montour Preserve that threaten nearby utility lines and the roadway. MARC staff are not qualified to climb and fell the trees. This expense will fall under the Montour Preserve's supplies / miscellaneous budget line item.

*Motion to approve: Commissioner Dan Hartman*

*Second: Tami Gabrielsen*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **MONTOUR PRESERVE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EXPENSE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

Stoudt requested approval to spend up to \$1,500 for food and supplies needed for the planned Montour Preserve 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, scheduled for Sunday, June 19. Stoudt reported that \$400 in donations had been made to date in support of the expense, with more donations anticipated in coming weeks. Expenses not covered by donations would be paid from the Montour Preserve's supplies / miscellaneous budget line item.

*Motion to approve: Tami Gabrielsen*

*Second: Commissioner Dan Hartman*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSE APPLICATION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

Stoudt requested approval to apply for a Small Games of Chance license for MARC to support fundraising efforts, including a proposed bike raffle at the Dirty Grin Mountain Bike Festival. Ski Valley has offered to donate to MARC a bike package valued at up to \$1,500 to be raffled off as a fundraiser. The one-year license will cost \$125. MARC had last applied for a Small Games of Chance License in 2020, but did not make use of the license because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Motion to approve: Bill Byron*

*Second: Brett Johnson*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Stoudt requested approval to pay bills as presented on pages 33 – 38 of the meeting agenda packet, including \$7,760.84 to Menco Mechanical for Montour Preserve HVAC system repairs and \$1,444.78 to Stoudt to reimburse the purchase of two truck loads of playground mulch and one load of playground sand from Burst Landscape Supplies for the Montour Preserve.

*Motion to approve: Commissioner Dan Hartman*

*Second: Marlene Gunther*

Motion passed unanimously

## **OTHER ITEMS**

No other items for discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dombroski adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Next meeting: Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Montour Preserve Environmental Education Center and online through Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Stoudt  
Acting Secretary