

September 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

MEETING ATTENDEES

MARC BOARD MEMBERS (online)

Bill Byron, Commissioner Rebecca Dressler, Tami Gabrielsen, Kristin Mikita, Chadd Roadarmel

MARC BOARD MEMBERS (in person)

Dr. John Bulger, Frank Dombroski, Tyler Dombroski, Brett Johnson

MARC STAFF (online)

none

MARC STAFF (in person)

Bob Stoudt

PUBLIC (online)

Wayne Kashner and Joe Scopelliti (Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau)

PUBLIC (in person)

none

MEDIA (online)

none

MEDIA (in person)

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 Dombroski noted he continues to meet regularly with Stoudt to review expenses and discuss updates and concerns.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Bulger called attention to the Treasurer's report, as provided as pages 2 – 16 of the meeting agenda packet. Stoudt noted MARC had received \$68,592.22 in Q2 2024 Montour County Hotel Tax grant funding, almost exactly matching MARC's estimate. MARC also received and deposited \$2,000 in Community Giving Foundation: Danville grant funds to be held and administered on behalf of Washingtonville Borough for the planned DeLong Park pathway extension project.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Dr. Bulger

Second: Bill Byron

Motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the absence of Secretary Johns, Stoudt called attention to the minutes of the August 26, 2024 meeting, as distributed with the meeting agenda packet. No comments or concerns were noted.

Motion to approve the August 26, 2024 meeting minutes: Dr. Bulger

Second: Brett Johnson

Motion passed unanimously.

PARTNER REPORTS

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stoudt noted that Danville Area High School Co-Op student Ava Bulger began working with MARC on August 26 and will continue through June 2025.

DANVILLE BOROUGH

Chadd Roadarmel noted nothing new to report.

Stoudt thanked Danville Borough, the Montour County Conservation District, and RC Young, Inc. for their work to repair the Hess Recreation Area access road. Significant progress has been made and MARC anticipates completing additional drainage work in coming weeks.

Stoudt noted Danville Borough continues to investigate potential consulting foresters for assistance with evaluating Danville Borough-owned forested lands for possible forestry management.

MAHONING TOWNSHIP

Bill Byron noted nothing new to update.

Stoudt noted that Mahoning Township had not yet appointed a replacement for Marlene Gunther, but that potential candidates have expressed an interest in serving. Stoudt will consult with Mahoning Township for consideration of candidates.

MONTOUR COUNTY

Commissioner Dressler noted nothing new to report.

Brett Johnson noted nothing new to report.

RIVERSIDE BOROUGH

No representatives / no report. Stoudt noted that Riverside Borough had not yet appointed a replacement for Elizabeth Rake.

WASHINGTONVILLE BOROUGH

Chairman Dombroski noted the DeLong Park pathway extension work was tentatively scheduled to begin in late September / early October and thanked MARC's staff for continued support of efforts to improve DeLong Park.

Chairman Dombroski noted work continues to advance the planned Mill Park project, conditioned upon the necessary approvals by PEMA.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Stoudt called attention to the Assistant Director's report provided on page 17 of the meeting agenda packet. Stoudt thanked Brehm and Piatt for their significant help with recent projects and complimented Brehm for his acceptance into the Foundation for the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Central Penn class.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Stoudt called attention to the Director's Report provided on pages 18 - 28 of the meeting agenda packet.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MARC 2025 LAWN CARE INVITATION TO BID

Stoudt requested approval to advertise the proposed MARC 2025 Lawn Care Invitation to Bid package as provided with the meeting agenda packet. Stoudt noted the package is little changed from the 2024 package except that it includes requested services for the Mill Park property in Derry Township which MARC hopes to begin managing for public use. Stoudt also noted that, as in past years, the package includes requested services for Washingtonville Borough which will be reviewed and awarded separately by Washingtonville Borough.

Motion to approve the advertisement of the MARC 2025 Lawn Care Invitation to Bid: Dr. Bulger

Second: Frank Dombroski

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

No other items for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, Chairman Dombroski adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.

Next meeting: Monday, October 28, 2024, at the Montour Preserve Environmental Education Center and online through Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Stoudt, Director / Acting Secretary