

# Ohio River Trail Council



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## MINUTES

DATE 4-15-2014

TIME 3:00 PM

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| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b> | Dr. Vincent Troia         |
| <b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>   | Board Meeting             |
| <b>FACILITATOR</b>       | Dr. Vincent Troia         |
| <b>NOTE TAKER</b>        | Donna Campbell, Secretary |

Attendees Dr. Vincent Troia, Bill Sweterlisch, Barbara Glessner, Paul Rogers, Jack Manning, John Szatkiewicz, Linda Szatkiewicz, Scott Portorova, Donna Campbell, Greg Kalamasz  
 Grants, Intergovernmental Agreements, Ohio River Trail website, Open House, Memberships, Gear and Cheer Festival and New Business

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | <p>Bill Sweterlisch motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting and John Szatkiewicz second his motion. Minutes were approved.</p>  |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | <p>Grants in progress were reviewed for their current status.</p> <p>Bill Sweterlisch reported that the Borough of Coraopolis has a letter of intent due on April 25, 2014. They have requested qualifications and have shown interest. Moon Township has a Tiger and a TAP grant available for the design and engineering of the trail from Coraopolis to the Sewickley Bridge. .</p> <p>Dr. Vincent Troia state that we are also working with PennDOT and that and RFQ has been submitted for their consideration for the Phase 1 section of the trail. ORTC &amp; Power Of 32 submitted a TIGER Grant for the North Shore Connector which includes Glen Osborne to Ambridge. (Phase 2)</p> <p>There are four construction segments now in focus. The Rochester Township section has been held up by the Norfolk Southern railway property. Dr. Troia asked a volunteer to research the Parcels of privately held property from Midland to State Line, the north side of Route 68 all the way to Midland. Scott Portorova and John Szatkiewicz agreed to do this. Dr. Vincent Troia found a way to cross Route 68 and perhaps get a signal on the North side of Route 68. John and Scott agreed to get together and research this. John</p> |

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|                   | ask if there has been any interest by an attorney to volunteer service to the organization, Dr. Troia said to date we don't have one. Scott agreed to ask one that works in the building with him.  |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Dr. Troia reminded the group about the need for the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) to be executed for each municipality.   |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Dr. Troia announced that the ORTC water trail website is complete and invited everyone to visit the site at <a href="http://www.water.ohiorivertrail.org">www.water.ohiorivertrail.org</a> . He also informed the group that he is working with Peggy Pings of the National Park Service in an attempt to get National Recreation and National Water Trail status. He has written to the municipalities asking for their support. If anyone would like a copy of the letter, Dr. Troia will forward a copy to them. Additional funding for the water trail is available if we get the National designation. The Three Rivers Heritage Trail and the Allegheny Trail have this status.   |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Open House will be held on May 1, 2014 at CCBC starting at 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Linda Szatkiewicz will bring coffee and Jack Manning will be available to assist with transport. Donna Campbell will supply cookies. Dr. Troia stated there is water at the ORTC storage area and he will purchase soft drinks as well. Bill Sweterlisch will be available to assist with tear-down.  |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Dr. Troia reviewed the membership process which includes a three gift option with a membership of \$50 or more. These members can receive a license plate, a hat or a t-shirt. Scott Portorova stated he would ask West Hills Nissan if we can obtain plates through them.  |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | <p>The ORTC Gear and Cheer Music Festival will be held on Saturday, July 12 2014 at Brady's Run Park. All Volunteers are asked to arrive at the park at 6:00 am to set up. Events will begin at 9:00 am with the 5-K Race. Vendors and Stage hands will set up from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Volunteers are also asked to meet at the CJ Mangin building on Thursday, July 10, 2014 to load the truck for the Festival, prepare race bags and any other tasks deemed necessary.</p> <p>Marlin Erin will not be sponsoring the Bike Race this year so Dr. Troia is asking for a volunteer to lead the ride.</p> <p>The fee schedule was briefly reviewed. Day of the Festival fees are as follows: 5-K \$30.00; Road Cycling and Mountain Biking \$30.00; Beer tasting \$30.00; General Admission, Kayaking, Canoeing, Paddle boarding, Hiking and Kids Fishing Tournament are free events. Hiking will be held in the afternoon at 2pm, meet at shelter 7.</p> <p>The Free concert at the Festival will continue for nine hours with a variety of bands from</p> |

around the area.

Everyone entering the festival must have a signed waiver even if events are free.

The Lodge will be separated this year so that people can use the restroom. Beer Vendors will be blocked with tables so only those who have wrist bands for the tasting will be able to enter that area. Jack Manning mentioned that the County is supposed to be upgrading the restrooms. Scott Portorova asked about vendor fees for Beer and Wine distributors. Dr. Troia stated there is no fee for them as they are supplying product. Bill Sweterlish also included that they can sell their paraphernalia if they choose. Barb Glessner said she knew of a gluten free brewery that may be interested in the publicity and would check with them.

Dr. Troia will design a banner to ask for “donations” for the ORTC.

All volunteers will receive free beer tasting glasses and shirts. Band members are entitled to these items as well.

We will have a First Aid Section – Medical treatment area with accident reports required if anyone is hurt. Medic Rescue will be on premise and there will be a Banner to indicate the first aid area. Waivers must be signed here as well.

Mike Sisk may provide a Beer Vendor booth for ORTC to sell Beer. This is considered a special occasion license and would be difficult for us to obtain. Perhaps we could couple with someone like the Center Township Fire Dept. and they could sell the beer at our Festival.

There will be a 50-50 Raffle at the Festival. Everyone is reminded that “working the crowd” to sell the tickets is extremely important. Tickets for the Steeler Game and a Kayak raffle will also be available.

Barbara Glessner mentioned the difficulty of the registration process last year and Dr. Troia told her that the process has been streamlined and simplified.

5-K race will start at the lodge near the vehicle bridge. Miles of Smiles will be doing the race timing again. There will be T-Shirts for the 5-K and the other sporting events.

Tasting glasses can be purchased for \$15.00. Mugs can be purchased for \$20.00

Other Festival items such as Wrist bands, Gift bags, and Signage, Advertising, Sponsors, and Kids events were briefly reviewed.

Chris Rishak was contacting Field & Stream, LL Bean and some other equipment vendors to see if there is any interest in participating.

We will have a Bike Rodeo and safety program for the kids. We can spray paint the grass and set up cones for the obstacle course. FOP may be able to assist.

Dr. Troia reminded everyone of the \$100 entrance fee for food vendors or arts and

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|                   | <p>crafts vendors and the fee will include 5 tickets for all events at the Festival.</p> <p>Scott Portonova also agreed to contact Lincoln Park to see if they had any interest in participating.</p>   |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | <p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Economic Development in Crescent Twp. has a designated Brownfield. Jack Manning is networking with them. KU Resources, Tim Wetzel is doing some remediation in that area. Dr. Troia voiced his concern regarding privately held property. Jack Manning said that it may eventually be sold and redeveloped as a commercial-manufacturing site, a good thing to keep in mind. ORTC may be able to carve out a 12' section to get us off route 51, just a reminder to put on the radar screen. The Township may not be thinking in terms of a trail unless we bring it to their attention. John Szatkiewicz included that there is a barge access to the river in that area.</p> <p>Mindy McKee reported on the agreement signed to purchase the H R Lewis property. The property is along the abandoned Youngstown &amp; Southern RR corridor and is described as 70 acres of beautiful conservation area but gives us only about one mile trail. If we do not have the property, we cannot access the trail. It may be possible to timber the property but the ORCT will not have the subsurface mineral rights as the current owner will retain them and it is partly in a flood plain.</p> |
|                   | <p>Since there was no further business, Dr. Troia adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.</p>   |
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