

# Ohio River Trail Council



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## MINUTES

JULY 23, 2009

6:00 PM

MONACA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Executive Meeting
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Secretary – Rachel Book
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Vincent Troia, Mario Leone, Jr., Chad McMillen, Diane Kemp, Norm Kraus, Jr., Scott Vidovich, Marlin Erin, John Szatkiewicz, Linda Tice, and Rachel Book

**Agenda topics:** Introductions, Incorporators, Board of Directors, Corporation Officers, Board Executive Committee, Advisory Board, By-Laws, Mission Statement, Articles of Incorporation, EIN, Dun & Bradstreet, Patriot Act Compliance, First Commonwealth Bank, IRS 501 (c) 3, Commonwealth of PA Bureau of Charitable Contributions, United Way Application, Expenses, Community Resolutions, Proposed Route, Letters of Support, DCNR Feasibility Study, Fundraising, Steering Committee, Railroad & Steel Museum, and Web Page

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	All members present introduced him or herself and also stated where he or she was from and what organization he or she represented.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dr. Troia reviewed that he and Mario Leone, Jr. are the Incorporators for the Ohio River Trail Council. He also reviewed the individuals who make up the board of directors for the Ohio River Trail Council. The Corporation Officers were also reviewed by Dr. Troia Chief Executive Officer – Vincent Troia, President – Mario Leone, Jr., Vice President – Diane Kemp, Vice President – Tom Stoner, Secretary – Rachel Book, and Treasurer – Pam Ronczka Dr. Troia Mentioned that Doniele Andrus is the Chairwoman for the Advisory Board, she was unable to attend. She is also a Coordinator in Beaver County for Rails to Trails.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Chad McMillen discussed the By-laws, and identified each of the by-laws for

The Ohio River Trail Council. A handout was provided by Dr. Troia. Approval of By-laws 1 – Diane Kemp 2 – Norm Kraus, Jr. (unanimous)	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dr. Troia provided a copy of the Ohio River Trail Council Mission Statement. All members were reminded that the mission statement is posted clearly on the website... Approval of Mission Statement 1 – Norm Kraus, Jr. 2 – Scott Vidovich (unanimous)
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Chad McMillen discussed the Articles of Incorporation. He mentioned that Vincent Troia and Mario Leone, Jr. are the incorporators. Board Approval --- 1 – Diane Kemp 2 – Mario Leone, Jr. (unanimous)
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	PA Non-Profit has been established as of May 15, 2009, as well as, the Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-N-S # And the EIN with the IRS as discussed by Dr. Troia.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Chad McMillen read the Patriot Act Compliance to all members present and the approval of this act was unanimous.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ohio River Trail Council has an established bank account through First Commonwealth Bank at the Monaca Office...Monaca Office Manager – John Van Jura. Reviewed with members by Dr. Troia.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	IRS 501 (c ) 3 status progress report was unavailable because Melvin Mikulich was unable to attend the meeting. Process will take approximately 2 months to complete.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Chad McMillen spoke about the Commonwealth of PA Bureau of Charitable Contributions and the United Way Application. Under the Commonwealth \$25,000 will be filed with the state, and the United Way Application is approximately half way completed. The deadline for the United Way Application is Aug. 21, Chad feels doubtful about it's completion by then.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Dr. Troia discussed the expenses of the Ohio River Trail Council with members. Expenses: PA Corp Application Fee \$125, IRS Form 1023 Fee \$500, ORTC Donation for feasibility study \$1500, and Feasibility Study for South Shore Estimated at \$35,000 --- 50/50 match coming from resolutions and county support.
<b>DISCUSSION SOUTH SHORE</b>	Resolutions --- reviewed --- received Monaca \$1000, Center \$1000, Aliquippa \$1000, Hopewell \$1000, South Heights No money to date, Crescent \$1000, and Moon said to have been approved at last meeting no money to date Outstanding – Coraopolis (it is going to council on 8/14) and Robinson's status is unknown.
<b>DISCUSSION NORTH SHORE</b>	Resolutions --- reviewed --- received Glasgow, Midland \$1000, Outstanding (John Szatkiewicz stated the resolution is being re-written by the solicitor) Industry (Paul contacted Mario about some questions), Vanport, Beaver, and Bridgewater. Diane is checking with outstanding resolutions at meeting next Tuesday. Norm suggested that

Community resolutions are to be posted on the townships and borough websites and the possibility of a newsletter.

**DISCUSSION** Proposed Route: Maps reviewed by Dr. Troia the North Shore project will follow the old trolley line.

Dr. Troia, Diane, and John walked through Midland to establish a route. Mile marker zero will be at the "Point of the

Beginning" talked about by John Szatkiewicz, it is the border of PA and OH you can stand in both states at once.

This is where all surveys in the United States consider zero to be.

**DISCUSSION** Letters of Support were discussed by Dr. Troia. He mentioned the letters received so far and stated

that members should contact representatives to get more support letters coming in.

**DISCUSSION** Fundraising – Foundation and Company Grants Committee will be chaired by Scott Vidovich and

Individual Memberships, donations, events, and raffles committee will be chaired by Justin Battalini. Diane suggested

Checking with Carnegie Mellon and NNDS for more grants. John mentioned Medical Center, YMCA, and Highmark.

**DISCUSSION** Dr. Troia reviewed the Steering Committees ; the South Shore chair is Tom Stoner and the North Shore

Chair is Diane Kemp

**DISCUSSION** Railroad & Steel Museum Committee: Dr. Troia mentioned the Pittsburgh/Lake Erie Station in Aliquippa

For the location of the museum he has contacted the current owner about donating the building. Mario mentioned the

old 911 center, and Diane talked about the CIO building in Midland. It was also stated that Don Inman should be

contacted about obtaining items for the museum.

**DISCUSSION** Mario updated the board on the DCNR application, PA allowed the feasibility money allocated to

Aliquippa to be transferred so the feasibility application will take less time than expected.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Fundraising Ideas	All Members	ASAP
<b>IRS 501(c)3</b>	<b>Melvin Mikulich</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
Request for Letters of Support	All Members	ASAP