

# Ohio River Trail Council



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## MINUTES

OCTOBER 29, 2014

6:00 P.M.

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<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly Board Meeting
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Mindy McKee, Secretary

Attendees: Vincent Troia, Jack Manning, Chris Rishack, Louis Chiodo, John Orndorff, Diane Blackburn, Bill Sweterlitsch, Paul Rogers, Mindy McKee,

Agenda topics: Welcome, Introductions, River Tire Program, Nat'l River Cleanup, ORTC River Sweep, Grant Update, Logo & Signage update, Trail Town update, Trail Phase Review, Intergovernmental Agreements review, Membership renewal, license plate and raffle ticket review.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vincent Troia welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and everyone in attendance introduced themselves, Approved last meeting minutes
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Reviewed all the grants processed and in process. Need matching funds for some of the grants that have been awarded. Critical to start the first phase.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vince presented a power point of the project and history in the area. All enjoyed it.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	We reviewed Phase 1 for starting of Phase 1 construction in Coraopolis area. We discussed that many of the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) are still needed as well as Trail Easements.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vince reviewed the Bike Rack program to be installed in New Brighton and Freedom next spring.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	We discussed the River of The Year Award and its prestige. The opportunity could bring funding if awarded. This would allow sponsorship of many events in celebration.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	We discussed whether it made sense for us to get involved with a Rain Water Recycling fundraiser project.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vince reminded all to send letters to your senators and representatives for their support in getting funding and support for the ORTC.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	We discussed the reuse of the Gear and Cheer signage and how we would go about this to allow for early use of the signs as the event is July 19, 2015. We discussed the planning issues of conflicting events, i.e. Steeler Games, and availability of the Lodge, event timing and Saturday versus Sunday issues; We also discussed the possibility of having an ORTC Beer Booth. The Firemen have agreed to allow sponsorship via the LCB allowing Beer sales and that this would be a big help in fund raising.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	We discussed our plans to have the Annual Open House again to be held May 1, 2015 from 3-7 at CCBC. We discussed advertising for the Gear and Cheer at that time. We also planned to have less food and sell more ORTC products.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting is to be Monday Nov 25, 2014 All were thanked for their participation.
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