

Friends Of The Border To Border Trail Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2018

1. Call to order/Introductions/Public input – The meeting was brought to order at 7:10pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti. Board members present were Eric Boyd, Linda Glasscock and Bob Krzewinski
2. Guest presentations - None.
3. General internal business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Eric, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Minutes approval – May meeting - A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Eric, to approve the minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Treasury report - Tom Leone could not make the meeting but provided a Treasurers Report to all Board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Linda, to accept the Treasurers Report, passing unanimously.
 - d. Membership Committee – Linda gave a report, noting that we have 79 people on the membership roster, and that renewal notices are going out on a monthly basis.
 - e. Friends annual calendar list – Bob noted that the Michigan non-profit renewal will be due by 10/1 and that Michigan Trails Week will be the last full week of September,
 - f. November Board elections & 2019 officers - Nominating Committee – As per the by-laws, Board member elections will take place at the November Annual Membership Meeting and 2019 officers will be chosen at the Board meeting held after the Membership meeting. Bob will send out a notice to all Board members asking for volunteers to be on a Nominating Committee. For the record, current Board members who's term expires at the November Membership meeting are Bruce Geffen, Tom Leone, Nate Campbell and Laura Shiltz.
 - g. Other – The Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition (www.wbwc.org) is willing to offer a WBWC \$10 introductory membership to Friends members.
4. Updates
 - a. Chair activities – Bob reported that he has been busy with Oberun planning, working on the REI grant bike repair stand locations/stand ordering, will be attending the Washtenaw Count Parks eastern B2B master plan meeting on July 31st and will be out of town for a bicycle tour from August 2-11.
 - b. B to B current projects - An overview was given of current and pending B2B construction projects.
5. Current project updates
 - a. Web page & social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) – 1925 “likes” on Facebook.
 - b. Newsletter – Summer edition should be out by late July.
 - c. Outreach – The Friends information tables at Huron River Day (5/20) and the Ann Arbor Green Fair (6/8) were very busy and well received. No Friends activity was done on National Trail Day (6/2). The organizers of the Ypsilanti Fall River Day (9/23) have asked the Friends to have a table there. On outreach material, the Friends quantities of the League of Michigan Bicyclists “What Every Michigan Bicyclist Should Know”, along with the children’s version, are very low. A motion was made by Eric, seconded by Linda, to purchase 200 of each version at a price not to exceed \$200 (the LMB quoted a price for an order in early July for \$184), passing unanimously. Bob will order and once received will print up labels for each booklet saying it was donated by the Friends. On other outreach material, Bob will contact the Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance about a price for a quantity of the Michigan Trails Guide. On bike maps, we obtained an additional small supply but in talking with the City of Ann Arbor, most probably the current map will be updated over the winter and the next printing of mass quantities will take place in the spring of 2019.
 - d. Adopt A Trail sections - All adopted.

6. Old & continuing business

- a. Friends project grants - REI B2B Grant update – Stands ordered for Dexter's Mill Creek Park, Ann Arbor's Argo Cascades and Ypsilanti B2B bridge (over the Huron River) south Plaza. Still in talks with Eastern Michigan University on an exact location for a stand as well as obtaining permission from Ypsilanti Township for Loonfeather Park. Also in contact with the DTE Trail contacts for installation of just a repair stand at the trailhead (there is already a pump there. Updates have also been forwarded to the REI store. It was also suggested that perhaps some entities close to a repair stand could sell common tubes (i.e. the Argo and Gallup canoe liveries).
- b. Tree Line Trail Ann Arbor - Fundraising efforts are starting on this \$55 million dollar project.
- c. Oberun Run – Volunteers still needed for the 7/20 event at Wiard's Orchard in Ypsilanti Township.
- d. B2B t-shirts – The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission is buying a supply of shirts and will donate a quantity to the Friends. Bob will pick up the supply when ready.
- e. 2018 priorities – Reviewed.

7. New Business

- a. Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission November millage renewal support

Support resolution – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Linda, to approve the following resolution, passing unanimously...

Resolution Of Support - Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission November 2018 Millage Renewal

Whereas, the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission has solidly supported non-motorized facilities with not only the Border To Border Trail, but other pathway projects through it's Connecting Communities program, and

Whereas, on November 6, 2018, the voters of Washtenaw County will have the opportunity to renew the development and acquisition millage for the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. The ten-year millage was first approved by the citizens of Washtenaw County in 1988, and has been renewed for an additional ten year period two times, and

Whereas, the ¼ mill renewal, though relatively modest, is critical to maintaining the parks, preserves, recreational facilities and services that make Washtenaw County a very special place to live. At that rate, our outstanding parks system costs the typical homeowner about \$30 per year.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Friends of the Border To Border Trail supports the November 6th, 2018 Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission millage renewal and urges Washtenaw County voters to vote in favor of this ballot issue.

Millage donation – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Linda, passing unanimously, to donate \$200 to the Friends of Washtenaw County Parks to aid in fall outreach efforts to renew funding for the County Parks millage.

8. Announcements – A Doodle poll will be sent out for the next two meetings (September Board meeting and November General Membership meeting).
9. Adjournment – A motion was made by Eric, seconded by Linda, to adjourn, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

