



Simon Kenton Pathfinders



Minutes from Membership Meeting at Urbana Depot Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Jim Cook at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Linda Vernar (guest), Dave Case, Dorothy Case, Ward Lutz, Dave Martin, Carmen Scott, Doug Crabill, Steve Cuyot, Tamisha Matus, Janine Albert Evans, Jim Cook, and Dianne Burroughs.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Jim Cook added an announcement (4C) "ODOT Trail Crossing Study." A motion to accept the agenda as corrected was made by Dave Case, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. **St. Paris Trail update:** No new info was available. No progress has been made in Miami County in expanding their trail system from Garbry Woods to Piqua, as one neighbor may be holding out.
- b. **West Liberty Trail Head/Ricketts Park update:** Ohio Hi Point JVS students are still working to complete the new shelter house, which should be done by the end of the month. Two garden plots are going in, and they are still fundraising to have a tree taken down for another garden spot; more trees may go in. We're posting progress pictures on our FB page. Our bike repair station is to be delivered there in two weeks, or by the end of the month. An American Eagle mural is to be painted on one side of the shelter. More creative ideas will require more money. An honorary ceremony is scheduled for June 29th, the date in 1962 when Sherman Ricketts was murdered while in the line of duty.
- c. **ODOT Trail Crossing Study:** The City of Urbana was awarded an ODOT grant for signs and enhanced markings at the trail crossing on Miami Street (a short-term solution) and North Main Street (a long-term solution). It is for \$542,000 federal dollars, and the expected start date is 2025.

Reports:

- a. **President:** none
- b. **Secretary:** A motion was made to accept the April meeting minutes as presented by Doug Crabill, seconded by Dorothy Case, and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Treasurer:** Janine reported that we are \$8000 over on our trail expenses this year, compared to last year, even though we added \$215 to this account. The herbicide bill has not come in yet, and we haven't received any bike tour money yet. Our temporary operating budget is still in effect. A motion to accept the financial report as given was made by Doug Crabill, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.
- d. **Website:** Everything is renewed.
- e. **Facebook:** Jim is posting pictures and info about our activities.
- f. **Membership:** none
- g. **Maintenance:**

1. **North Trail:** The “critter hole” was fixed.
2. **Urbana City:** The mural vandalism hasn’t been painted over yet due to many days of rain.
3. **South Trail:** Dave Jensen is doing the mowing in May, and Dave and Dorothy Case are mowing in June. Two tires were dumped on the trail.
4. **Depot Area:** The City of Urbana is scraping and painting the Depot’s soffit. Until the work is completed, Dianne and Teresa will hold off on planned flower garden work beside the building.

Action Items: none

New Business: none

Old Business:

- a. **Blower Grant update:** No news to share, but the state officials are now back in their offices.
- b. **Cleanup Trail Day on 4/2 report:** (deleted)
- c. **2022 Bike Tour (Sunday, September 11th):**
 - **More “Save the Date” Flyers:** Half-sized flyers were distributed.
 - **Sponsorship Flyers:** These are still being distributed, and some have been returned already - Orbis, Beasley Architect, and People’s Bank, to name a few.
 - **Updates from April 26 Board Meeting:** Community Health & Wellness Partners will be a sponsor, and they want to run a health fair/open house on our bike tour date. They gave us permission to use their parking lot during our tour, but it may not be paved by then.

Bike routes can’t be completed until all three counties report back on their street work plans; Logan County is still out. Plan A is to go west/northwest; Plan B is to go east/northeast. We are still two months ahead of last year’s planning, but behind previous years’. We tweaked (slightly increased) last years’ registration fees.

Dianne reported on the availability of food trucks for our bike tour. La Granja Mexican, Pitabilities, Tin Roof, and Big Willies BBQ are saving the date for us. After discussion, it was agreed that she should research Farmer’s Daughter, Fresh Harvest, and Wicked Lobstah. A motion was made to confirm LaGranja Mexican as one of our two food trucks by Doug Crabill, seconded by Ward Lutz, and it passed unanimously.
 - **Celebrate Trails Day (4/23)** worked out well. Thanks to Nancy Lokai Baldwin for organizing this. Our Rails to Trails brochures came in too late for distribution.
 - **The Ohio Pediatric Association grant** awarded us 35 kid-sized bike helmets. We may use them as incentive to get kids to register for our tour (they would be considered an in-kind donation of \$7.95 each). Tamisha Matus offered to fit kids for the helmets.

Open Forum: none

Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm by Carmen Scott, seconded by Dave Martin, and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 at the Depot.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Burroughs, Secretary