

Aboite New Trails, Inc.
March 15, 2004
Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 P.M. Jorgensen YMCA

In attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Reecer,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Coplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gail Herendeen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark O'Shaughnessy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Ferguson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Krisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Walbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Repka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Ferguson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art Mandelbaum		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Miller		

Also in attendance:

Dana Stutzman
Mike Bendel

I. Introductions.

- a. Dana Stutzman has moved to Ft.Wayne from Indy and has volunteered to assist ANT as our neighborhood liaison. Mike Bendell, with the Lions Club is eager to jump back into volunteering. Leslie Ferguson has joined ANT as our fabulous PR person.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes approved from March 11, 2004 meeting

III. Treasurer's Report-Jane Schmitt

- a. New checking account has been opened at Tower Bank. Balance is \$100.00
- b. Threshold for spending without board approval is \$500.
- c. 501(c)3 status in in the works. Money can be received since we have already filed.

V. Old Business

- a. Donation of cell phone number/voice mailbox from Matt Karst. 260-705-PATH. Already using phone number for RSVP's for Public Meeting.
- b. Fundraising Chair update. Lynn met with Joan Goldner, an experienced grant writer. She had great suggestions, but does not want to chair our project. Reed Miller is considering this position. Gregg has suggested George Huber to contact larger donors.

VI. New Business

- a. Gail Herendeen will take over as secretary as Sharon will be moving to Indianapolis. Sharon will remain on the board.
- b. Review of meetings attended
 - i. Little River Wetlands: information shared about ANT
 - ii. Lion's Club: in favor of the trails. No addition funds pledged at this time.
 - iii. Tom Kimbrough: provided Lynn with a list of confidential names of donors for both Y projects.
- c. Review of upcoming meetings
 - i. 2/27: Lynn and Gregg will meet with Tower Bank
 - ii. 4/21: First meeting for Commission Plan Vision Work Group. Lynn has been asked to join this group.
 - iii. 4/16: NIRCC
 - iv. 4/20: City Council meeting to discuss the position for the City Bike/Pedestrian coordinator. We think public input is welcome at this meeting.
 - v. 5/5: City County meeting. Lynn has requested to be on the agenda for this public meeting.
 - vi. 5/12: ANT Public Meeting! **Leslie will let board know what time to arrive.**
- d. Fundraising Neighborhood Liaison – Dana Stutzman
 - i. Dana distributed letters to go out to Bridgwater residents. The letter is asking for private donations for the trails around the corner at Covington and W. Hamilton.

The wording of the letter will be "tweaked" slightly prior to distribution in order to play it safe and not commit (in writing) the stretch beyond

what's on school property. **Gail will work with Lynn and Dana.** Letters should go out in a week.

- ii. The following issues arose from discussions with this letter:

In order to make the paths on the SWAC property join up with the Bridgewater entrances, there is a major stretch on private property. There are 6 homes on that stretch between the schools and Bridgewater entrance.

The paths around the schools has become 1st priority because of timing with the school's ability to put them in now. It has been engineered and will be easier than paths we'll do in the future. (That is the only reason this stretch is the focus vs. the other roads the board ranked higher in priority.)

Gregg proposed that we have a "Developer Endorsement" for those who put a priority on paths. [\(what's the action on this?\)](#)

- e. Community Meeting – Leslie Ferguson

Printing donation: Mignone printing is donating brochures and other PR items for the Public Meeting. The exact quantity of the donation has not been determined.

Yard signs: **Gregg will donate yard signs** for Public Meeting and will have them put up (if Leslie determines they are needed)

HHS students volunteers will help the night of the meeting with petitions, registration cards, room set-up, etc. **Scott is taking care of those plans.**

Golf shirts: The board & committee members will all wear matching golf shirts with ANT logo. **Art will order these.** Each board/committee member will pay for their own shirt.

Agenda: **Lynn will e-mail the agenda, list of speakers, time for each segment, etc. when that is finalized.**

Guest speaker: **Lynn will ask Ray Irvin** (Coordinator in Indianapolis who is a dynamic speaker) to speak at the Public meeting. Someone like that will add credibility to the project.

VI. Meeting Adjourned.