



Board of Directors Meeting
 6:30 P.M. Jorgensen YMCA
 June 2, 2004

Board Members:

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

Also in attendance:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Melani Wilson, Grantwriting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Musser, Digerati Solutions Group

(minutes approved if in bold)

I. The following people were introduced:

- a. Bill Zielke, Fundraising Chair
- b. Deb Probst, new board member
- c. Melani Wilson, Grant writer (unable to attend)
- d. John Musser, Web master

II. Minutes of 04-15-04 Board Meeting were approved by board

III. Treasury Report by Jane

- a. **Cash Flow report** (1/1/02 through 6/2/04) was circulated. Overall total \$15,049.99
- b. **Approved by board:** payment of bill Ferguson Advertising in the amount of \$592.25.
- c. **Jane is talking with BKD to engage their accounting services and she will keep on this.**
- d. **Indiana Trails Fund:** there is less than \$10 so **Jane will close that account.**
- e. **Reminder: please pay for your ANT golf shirt (\$24.55) if you have not already done that**

IV. Public Relations

- a. If you picked up a board member roster, please make the following correction. Leslie's e-mail address is leslieferguson@comcast.net
- b. **Golf shirts** will be sold to the general public (not limited to board members). Mindy Mathison will be responsible for golf shirt sales. They will eventually be available on line.
- c. **Public Meeting "AAR"** (After Action Review) – Leslie introduced this as a way to briefly discuss what we did right/what could have been done better/how we would do it differently. The feedback from the Public meeting has been very positive – attendance was good – many volunteers have come forward from that meeting.
 Ways to improve next public meeting:
 Consider time of year (ie, plan the meeting for a time when parking would be better and not so many people would be tied up at ball games).
 Ask people to write down their questions and post answers on web site.
 Set guidelines for speakers
- d. **Marketing supplies:** Stephanie has PowerPoint presentations on CD and gave them to Deb, Mark & Leslie in order to have a "speakers bureau" to help meet the many requests for presentations from our group.

- e. **Volunteer cards:** Leslie will have someone in her PR group keep a database of all volunteers. For the next printing of those cards we will ask for “skills” people may be willing to donate.
- f. **Large signs from Public Meeting:** We will recycle one sign and will put at the corner of W. Hamilton/Covington. Jim said OK to put it there. Considering putting one other at Indian Trails Park to catch playground/Y/Summer concert traffic. There is a charge for re-working the lettering and installing.
- g. **Dana Stutzman** will head up neighborhood campaigns and petition drive (goal is to have petitions in by Labor Day)
- h. **Letterhead** needs to be approved by each board member.
- i. **Web Site:** John Musser distributed copies of the initial home page he has constructed. It’s incredible.
 - We will stay as .org but John has set it up so if someone enters our name with .com, they will still get to our .org site.
 - “Project thermometer” will be removed until we have a fundraising plan well defined.
 - Will add section for “FAQ’s”
 - Will not have donations accepted via Paypal – at least for now.
 - It is possible to have a password-protected area for board use – a place to store down-loadable presentations, documents, etc.
 - If you have comments/suggestions on the site, please send them to Leslie

V. Fundraising

- a. **Possible plans for the fundraising campaign** were discussed by Bill. It will be important to define measures of success possibly by breaking the map down into phases.
- b. **Homestead High School** raised and donated \$4,430.00 from their Earthfest and Walk-a-thon. Scott’s son Chris Miller was a big part of this effort.
- c. **TEA Grant:**
 - TEA Grant – Looked at suggestions from Eli Samaan on which sections of trail to include in the first TEA grant application to be submitted later this year. His first suggestion included Aboite Center Road from Homestead to Eggeman. It was discussed and confirmed by Barbara Krisher that she intends to pursue a bonding issue that can be used for that section of the trail. (An estimate of \$60,000 was suggested to Barbara as a reasonable cost for her to budget for design/engineering/construction of that section of trail. ROW acquisition is not an issue as SACS district is providing the land.) [The decision was made to remove that section of Aboite Center Road from the TEA application, pending Barbara’s successful application to extend her bond.](#) In the event that the bond is not approved, we will need to reconsider this decision regarding Aboite Center Road.) We will examine the other trail segments in Eli’s first suggestion and modify the proposed application given this one section we’re planning to fund outside of the TEA money.
 - Note: we will be competing against other area applications if, indeed, we get to submit an application. Eli’s 4 proposals of projects for the TEA grant were discussed with no final decision made.
- d. **Local grants:** a list was distributed for board review however, [Lynn and Bill will set priorities](#)
- e. **Fundraiser offer:** Laurell Stevens and Megan Weir have offered to host a fundraiser – possibly at the park. They project it can earn \$100,000. [Lynn will let them know we will accept the offer.](#)

VI. Updates

- a. **Covington and W. Hamilton**
 - Gregg gave report on the status of the trail at Covington and West Hamilton. He’s working with Mike Fitch and with Jim Coplen to coordinate work there. Mike is pursuing the extension of the

trail westward on Covington Road from the current terminus behind Covington Elementary School. There was some discussion over whether the additional ROW needed there would be obtained purely for the trail or if it is going to be obtained by the County regardless to allow for future widening of Covington Road. [Gregg will clarify this with Mike.](#)

- b. **Allen Co. Department of Planning services:** Barbara reports that by the end of August, the department will have a list of ordinances that should be published by year-end. [Stephanie will talk to Kim Bowman to be sure that trails are included in that list.](#)
- c. **SACS School Board** will be budgeting and planning 3 years ahead in Capitol projects. Luckily, Jim heads this up. He suggested that [ANT write a letter asking for a commitment from SACS to install specific trails every year.](#) This could include trails on all school property – including a trail out to Lafayette Meadows
- d. **Trail Cross section:** it was determined that we need to have a cross section of the trail that can be used on the SACS trail and with all project that follow in order to minimize the engineering required on each section. [Steph has a resource for this and will follow-up with Jim.](#)
- e. **Buckner Farm** (bordered by Flaugh Rd, Bass Road and I69) is 200 acres outside Aboite Township, property of Parks and Recreation. Diane Hoover discussed with Lynn and Stephanie preliminary plans for natural areas and an aquatic center. ANT will respond that we need more information before we can support the idea. We will use caution about aligning ourselves with a potentially controversial plan.
- f. **Maintenance Surveys:** will have volunteers complete the maintenance survey for a variety of trails in different states (to be completed June 30). [Gail will finalize the document after Mike Fitch reviews.](#)
- g. **Press event in honor of National Trails Day:** Saturday, June 5th. [Gail will attend it.](#)

VII. **The new Organizational chart** was distributed for everyone's review. It's a way to start to think through what kind of help we need and who does what! Contact Gail if you need a copy – otherwise e-mail your suggestions.

VIII. **Crushed Limestone Trails:** The board feels this type of less expensive trail (ie, Lombard/Wheaton, II trail) may have it's specific indications in hard-to-pave areas, but we will not look into using it as a way to get more trails done less expensively.

IX. Bus Trip to Indy Greenways

A trip, Sponsored by ANT, for the Mayor, Commissioners and other key individuals is something to think through although the board is concerned that attendance could be disappointing. Will not pursue it at this time.

X. **Next meeting**

- a. Summer schedule: committees will work & provide e-mail updates.
- b. **Next Board Meeting:** [Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM at the Y.](#)
- c. For thought: Trails advocate would be good to run for City Council in 2006