



Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 P.M. Fort Wayne Country Club  
October 20, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Kennedy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Krisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deb Probst
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Jellison	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Zielke

I. Announcements/Introductions-Lynn Reecer

a. **John Ferguson**

- i. John made the decision to come off the Board of Directors. John remains committed to the project and will continue to help with marketing efforts. Thanks to John for this dedication.

b. **Bob Kennedy**, has joined the board.

- i. Aboite Resident
- ii. Associate Director of City of Ft. Wayne Public Works and Utilities Division. This Division will be responsible for the maintenance on the Fort Wayne trails in addition to over seeing issues of water, sewer, paving, transportation.

II. Minutes of 9-15-04 Board Meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer Report-Jane Schmitt, Treasurer

- a. Report: Balance is \$20,283.78 with no outstanding bills
- b. Indiana Trails Fund: ANT's account has been closed
- c. Tower Bank: location of all ANT funds

IV. Fundraising Report-Bill Zielke, Chair

a. Overview of Campaign

- i. The fundraising phases have changed slightly, but the phases continue to be in place primarily as a way to break the project down into manageable pieces, each with a mile and dollar figure attached.
- ii. **Project Overview:** 42 miles of trails, 3 phases, \$10-11 Million
  1. Phase I: \$3 million, 10.57 miles
  2. Phase II: \$1.8 million, 8.48 miles
  3. Phase III: \$3.7 million, 17.73 miles
- iii. The fundraising group will meet Oct. 25<sup>t</sup>
- iv. **(All)** respond to Reed Miller's request for your contacts with potential donors.

b. Recent donations

- i. Pyromation (Pete & Melani Wilson): \$10,000 over 3 years
- ii. Aspen Bay Homes: \$2,000 after Jan. 2005
- iii. Tower Bank: will consider request for 2005
- iv. SACS: awaiting board approval for \$30,000 for trails on school property.

V. Public Relations-Leslie Ferguson, Chair

- a. **Materials** are being developed that can be customized for the target audience (map with phases, brochure, Q&A, Board of Directors, Media Clip from ANT as well as from other trails, Donor Recognition, Letters of Endorsement.
- b. **Web site** will be central source of information after various documents are finalized and standardized.
- c. **Ribbon Cutting** trail on W.Hamilton & Covington Road.
  - i. Date will be determined by construction. Likely to be end of first week in November.
  - ii. Goal is to give the community a visual on the trail.
  - iii. **(All)** e-mail Leslie if you have comments/suggestion on this event.

## VI. Other Updates

- a. **Mayors' City Trails Summit** (Sept. 22) was very successful and well attended.
- b. **City Greenways Coordinator**: currently a volunteer position but City Council approved funding for this position. Such a position was a common element in successful "trails" cities.
- c. **Planning Commission**: no updates
- d. **Aboite Township Loan**: Barbara Krisher reports she should have the funds by January 2005 although her budgeted amount for trails may be less than actual final costs.

## VII. Engineering and Construction:

- a. **Bidding process**: ANT will adopt the policy of getting 3 bids for each formal section of trails and then a proposal will be made to the board for final approval.
- b. **Engineering Subcommittee** may be formed (Gregg, Mike, Bob)
- c. **Word of Caution**: Mike cautions that bidding a professional service is drastically different than asking for bid for a construction project. He urges the board to consider the quality and specifics of the job vs. looking at the bottom line. ANT may want to consider interviewing bidders.
- d. **General Statement**: ANT will raise funds and will write check to County for many of the projects. Our first stretch of trails (on SACS property) is a bit unique in that it did not involve the County as the majority of the other sections will.

## VIII. Right of Way

- a. (All) if you have special interest in right-of-way, please let Lynn know. ANT representative to oversee related issues is needed.
- b. (Mike, Art) will draft a document outlining the intent of ANT & County Commissioners as it relates to how the construction of trails will proceed; what the relationship is between the two entities; this document will address issues such as right of way acquisition as well as construction and financial responsibilities. This document may also serve as a model for a similar agreement to be negotiated with the City in a year's time or so, when annexation takes effect (Bob K.) Although the county understands and supports ANT's mission, it is time to define and assign responsibility.
- c. **Know this**:
  - i. The County can take property when it's in the best interest of the public.
  - ii. Only the County/City can legally acquire land from private owners (ANT can not although we can work with the County on related PR issues).
  - iii. If purchasing right of way for a trail, that section of trail can not be privatized.
  - iv. If a land-owner says no, then there is a condemnation process which is to be avoided if possible. County/City are willing to exercise this right if absolutely necessary. Would have to look at each project as it comes up.
  - v. Right-of-way acquisition is a long process. It will take one full year to get right-of-way for the stretch of Aboite Center Road to Hwy. 24. (Using federal funds for this project has about doubled the project length, however).

## IX. Specific Project Update

- a. **SACS-Board** still must approve \$30,000 for trails in 2005. Jim should know in December.
- b. **Time Corners**— reconstruction of Times Corners intersection slated for 2006. Bob K. will check plans to see what accommodations were included for sidewalks in that area.
- c. **INDOT/Hwy 14**: Sharon may possibly serve as our contact to INDOT in Indy.
- d. **City Road Development**: Bob reports there will be a 10 foot wide trail for 2 miles along the new Ardmore Road extension from Lower Huntington Road south to the Airport Expressway.
- e. **County Road Development**: Mike reports Aboite Center Road (the stretch to Hwy 24) should be re-constructed in 2006.

## X. Fort Wayne Historical Society

- a. Director, Donn Werling, has offered to research areas through which trails will pass. This could help lend another facet to our grant applications, particularly TEA ones.
- b. (All) anyone interested in working with the Historical Society on this? Know of anyone who may want to do it? If so, e-mail Steph.

## XI. Items for next meeting

- a. **"Trail Head"**
  - i. Barbara Krisher requests this to be an agenda item for next meeting.
  - ii. Trail Head can be located in Indian Trails Park.
  - iii. (All) e-mail ideas or photos to Lynn
- b. **Markings** (Steph)

- i. All trail organizations in the Ft. Wayne area need to adopt a standardized signage/pavement markings.
- ii. Steph proposed ANT use Federal Guidelines.
- c. **Project Management Spread Sheet** (Steph)

XII. Next Meeting

- a. Possible Guests: Jack Stark, Nelson Peters

November 17  
6:30 PM  
Location to be announced,