



Board of Directors Meeting
Southwest Allen County Schools Administration Building
Wednesday May 25, 2005
7:00-9:30pm

Board Members:

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Kennedy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Krisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debbie Probst
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Jellison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Ferguson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art Mandelbaum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Walbridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jane Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Zielke

Also in attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judy Dusman, Chair- Grassroots Fundraising
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Neer, Grassroots Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Henry Nadjeski, Chair -Right of Way Acquisitions

I. For approval-Gail

- a. Minutes of 4- 27 -05 Board Meeting approved

II. Treasurer Report-Lynn (Jane out of town)

- a. Financial report: \$98,092.50 in account.
- b. No outstanding bills over \$500.00 for approval.

III. Old Business-Stephanie

- a. ANT Logo Shirt orders: (all) Please pay for your shirts!
- b. Project Management: not discussed

IV. New Business-Lynn & Stephanie

- a. TEA Grant Matching Dollars pledge received from Mayor
- b. Long term future of ANT: (all to think about): Lynn raised the question for thought regarding where ANT may go over time. No conclusions were drawn but board members are encouraged to think about what they can commit (in terms of years on the board) and there may be merit in staggering board terms.

V. Legal-Art

- a. MOU
 1. "Memorandum of Understanding" is between ANT and the County Commissioners
 2. The document is in place to transition the trails to the county's responsibility once they are complete. It allows ANT to do projects in our order and to avoid the county's required bidding system.
 3. Art has drafted and will meet with the County's Attorney next week.
 4. Should be presented to the Co. Commissioners in the next month.
- b. Insurance (there are 3 types)
 1. "Errors and Omissions"
 - i. To cover the personal liability of the board or volunteers.
 - ii. Anticipated premiums: \$1,000/year
 2. General Liability
 - i. Covers events/activities (i.e., Bike About Aboite)
 - ii. Approval given to Art to spend up to \$2,000 for this insurance for the June 4th event.
 3. Liability related to design & construction

- i. Contractors will list ANT as an “additional insured” on their policies.
- c. Non-discrimination policy adoption
 - 1. drafted due to requests from foundations and companies
 - 2. approved by board

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Aboite New Trails, Inc. (“ANT”) is an equal opportunity organization with respect to all aspects of its activities. ANT encourages and welcomes volunteers and participants to engage in its activities, regardless of an individual’s race, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, or age. All such persons are entitled and encouraged to partake of all rights, privileges, programs, and activities of ANT which are afforded or made available by ANT. ANT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability or any other protected classification in administration or enforcement of its policies or practices.

- VI. Construction/Engineering Report-Gregg is sick, Lynn reviewed.
 - a. W. Hamilton/Covington-SACS Trail and extensions
 - 1. (to the North): Jeff Thomas had said his trail will be done in May. [Debbie](#) to call in follow-up.
 - 2. (to the West): [Lynn](#) will meet with Linda Bloom regarding previously stated commitment to extend this trail.
 - 3. (Bridgewater): Matt Wojewuczki (“Wojo”) may get fundraiser going in this addition to extend SACS trail. Estimated need = \$50,000. Also looking into getting an assessment.
 - b. Homestead/SACS Trail
 - 1. Cost will be \$39,400. School’s commitment is \$30,000.
 - 2. Board approved paying for the additional \$9,400 so trail can be done.
 - 3. [Jim](#) will get purchase order to move forward
 - c. Aboite Center/Township Trail
 - 1. (Homestead to VanHoozen): Barb will need to bid out this section of trail.
 - 2. No projected date was stated.
 - d. Eggeman Rd. trail
 - 1. Scott Miller hosted neighborhood meeting regarding right of way on Aboite Center Road and Eggeman.
 - 2. In attendance with Scott: Gregg W., Henry N., Bonar Group., Lynn
 - 3. This meeting was ideal in term of presentation and response.
 - e. Liberty Mills Road/Firestation/Indian Creek Vet. Opportunity
 - 1. The Indian Creek Vet is willing to pay for the trail on his corner lot if we can move it to his side.
 - 2. To do this, the trail would be on the south side and then need to transition to the North Side of the street.
 - 3. Estimated cost to re-do feasibility: \$1,850. The board did not approve moving forward with this study.
 - 4. [Lynn](#) will explore other options with this Vet.
 - f. Signage/Trailhead
 - 1. A task force has been established to further look into signage/trailhead.
 - 2. [\(all\)](#) e-mail Stephanie if you would like to be on this task force
 - 3. Trailhead: Gregg is working with Weigand Construction – they may do something for us.
 - 4. Trailhead location: Stephanie reports we have 2 good potential locations and she will work with Ferguson to move forward with preliminary plans.
 - 5. Lutheran Mile Markers

- i. ANT's task force will also make proposal for Lutheran's request for mile markers (with their logo or something on it)
- ii. Lutheran's donation includes \$150,000 donation to ANT plus they will fund their own 1 mile loop within their campus, including a trail head).
- g. Right of Way Acquisitions- not discussed.

VII. Fundraising Report-Bill

- a. Grassroots-Judy Dusman & Megan Neer
 - 1. Open Houses: there were 8 open houses. 240 families donated money or attended an event. Goal was to increase awareness and kick off fundraising. Very successful
 - 2. Merchants of Covington Plaza are very enthusiastic and are interested in doing yearly events.
 - i. Garlands Art Gallery: donated 10% of profits on one night event. Over 500 invitations mailed. \$300 profit.
 - ii. Jophiel's: will donate 10% of sales (up to \$3,000) the week of Sept. 5th
 - iii. Summer Collection Containers will be in place June – Sept. to collect loose change.
 - 3. Bike About Aboite
 - i. PR: Brochures are in all bike shops; 3600 will go home in school bags, Homestead doing some promotion
 - ii. \$2,500 cash sponsors for this event and there are additional in-kind donors.
 - iii. (all) send in your registrations!
 - iv. (all) report to blue canopy at 11:00 to help with this event.
 - 4. Zesto Event
 - i. June 10: 10% of sales to ANT
 - 5. Freeland Event
 - i. Sept. 9, Black tie
 - ii. Working out details: 50 couples for dinner in the home vs. 100 couples outdoor, under tent.
 - iii. Estimated profits: \$12,000 - \$15,000
 - iv. There was discussion about giving away tickets to big donors and possibility of upset donors who may have preferred donating AND going to this event. No conclusions drawn by board.
 - 6. Cocktail Party to thank donors
 - i. Nothing finalized yet
 - 7. Spring 2006
 - i. Working on lower ticket price event.
- b. Corporate
 - 1. Bill presented at Chamber of Comm. Event and the response was good.
 - 2. Bill emphasizes this point: (all to keep in mind when you discuss ANT): The majority of people become more interested when they see that the benefits are greater than just getting around Aboite. The connection to Ft. Wayne is what seems to engage people and businesses.
 - 3. New Levels of Giving presented and discussed without changes or approval
 - 4. Lutheran, PHP and Vera Bradley are big donors that should help us secure others. (all) more people are needed to call on corporations.
- c. Foundations/Grants
 - 1. EBM foundation should have an answer on our \$750,000 request soon! Whatever we're gifted will be split 50/50 for the Towpath Trail.

2. FWCommunity Foundation: requested \$50,000. We will offer ½ of what we receive to the city for the Towpath.
- d. Government: City, county, state, federal SACS, township
- e. Utilities
- f. Developers

VIII. City Government Report-Bob Kennedy

- a. There is much momentum with the City and Greenway.
- b. Due to late hour, Bob will give full report at next board meeting.

IX. County Government Report-Mike not in attendance. No report given.

X. Public Relations Report-Leslie

- a. Promotional Materials- there will soon be a central location for PR materials.
- b. (all committee chairs) send reports to Leslie by the 15th of the month.

XI. Volunteer Coordinator-Debbie Probst

- a. Recruiting of volunteers continues.
- b. Bill reports the Intern at Lutheran is interested in helping. [Debbie](#) to contact.

XII. Schedule

June 4

Bike About Aboite

Those not riding should report to blue canopy,
VanHoozen Park at 11:00 am.

Wear ANT shirt!

June 10

Zesto Event

10% of sales

June 15

Committee Chairs to get reports to Leslie

June 29

Board Meeting

7:00 pm at the Y

Sept 5 (week of)

Jophiels donates 10% of sales

June – Sept.

Summer Collection Containers in place
Covington Plaza

Sept. 9

Freeland Event.

Details not set – not yet for public discussion

**Planned Projects by Government and Others
for the Aboite Trails Plan as of May 2005**

PROJECT	APPROXIMATE DISTANCE	PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION DATE	SPONSORING ENTITY	APPROXIMATE COST
SACS Property at W. Hamilton and Covington Roads	1,850'	Completed	Aboite News Trails, Inc. from various donors	\$39,000
Vera Cruz Development	300'	2005	Oakmont Development	\$3,600 @ \$12/ft
Aboite Center Rd. Homestead to Van Hoozen Park, south side	1500'	2005	Aboite Township Parks Department	\$40,000
Homestead Road Aboite Center south to end of SACS property	1500'	2005	Southwest Allen County Schools	\$30,000
City of Fort Wayne Fire Station At corner of Scott and Covington Roads	500'	2005	City of Fort Wayne	\$15,000 @ \$30/ft
City of Fort Wayne Fire Station Along Homestead Rd. only	250'	2005	City of Fort Wayne	\$7,500 @ \$30/ft
Aboite Center Rd. Jefferson to Coventry	1 Mile 10' asphalt 1 Mile 5' concrete s.w.	Spring 2006	Allen County State of Indiana	\$130,000 \$520,000
Deer Ridge Elementary	500'	2006	Southwest Allen County Schools	\$10,000
The Chapel	500'	2006-2007	The Chapel	\$6,000
Illinois Rd. SR 14	2 Miles 10' concrete tr. 2 Miles 5' concrete sw.	2008	State of Indiana	\$525,000 @ \$50/ft \$262,500 @ \$50/ft
TOTAL PROJECTS 10	TOTAL MILES APPROX. 7			\$1.6 million approx.

**First Completed Project was the I69 bridge on Aboite Center Rd. with bicycle and pedestrian access lanes in 2002.*