



Board of Directors Meeting
Boy Scouts of America-Anthony Wayne Council Headquarters

Wednesday August 31, 2005

Board Members:

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

Also in attendance:

Mike Fitch
Paul McAfee, Little River Wetlands
John Fenoglio, CEO Boy Scouts of America

I. Guest Speakers

- a. Paul McAfee – Little River Wetlands/Eagle Marsh
 1. The newly acquired land is directly behind the Boy Scouts building, bordered by the railroad tracks. The plan will be to flood the land, restoring the natural wetlands that were there prior to the farmland. It will be called Eagle Marsh.
 2. Paul is open to the new idea of putting part of the Towpath Trail on that new property in order to complete the path without ANT having to purchase private land from the D'Andrea family.
- b. Paul Lageman – professional lobbyist – was not able to attend

II. For approval-Gail

- a. Minutes of 6-29-05 Board Meeting approved

III. Announcements/ "Where we are today"

- a. New trails are in!
 1. concerns voiced about the new trail in front of Summit and how it enters the intersection. (Steph) will look into bollards.
- b. Meetings attended since last board meeting
 1. INDOT: Sharon has met with Bob Alderman to establish a contact there.
 2. INDOT meeting with David Long regarding SR14 widening: the entire widening project (and the trails with it) may have been bumped due to deficiency in funds and low priority on the project.
- c. Political Fundraisers
 1. Lynn feels these may provide great opportunities for making political contacts. (all) please consider events that may have key contacts in attendance.
- d. Lobbying for state dollars
 1. Paul Lageman is a professional lobbyist who raised much of the money for the Innovation Center.
 2. Paul feels ANT should hire a lobbyist for approx \$12,000/year
 3. Lynn and Sharon will meet with a potential lobbyist in Indy who is recommended by Paul.
 4. (Lynn) to ask John Fyfe to research: Have other trails used a lobbyist?
- e. TEA grant
 1. Eli will tweak and resubmit for next year.
 2. Lynn and Sharon will try to meet those on the TEA committee.
- f. D'Andrea family – Towpath Trail

1. Lynn and Sharon met with the property owner's three children. They want too much money for the land (the deed states the land is **60'wide by 4,750'long**). Nephew came down to \$350,000 for the land which is not in the range that ANT is considering.
2. ANT will do the following:
 - i. (Lynn) Make it clear, to the family, that their strip of land does not extend to i-69.
 - ii. (Lynn) to get a letter from Paul McAfee stating that the ANT towpath trail can go on the wetlands property in order to go around the D'Andrea family's land.
 - iii. ANT will not make a formal offer on the land (although \$5,000/acre was discussed) until more information is gathered.
 - iv. (Mike Fitch) will arrange for an appraisal on the land.
 - v. (Debbie) to look into Aquasource interest in the land (easement?)
- g. Election of new VP
 1. Stephanie has resigned from VP but will continue to serve on board.
 - i. Thank you, Stephanie for founding the organization with Lynn and Sharon, the hours of work, your dedication to the project, and for all that you do.
 2. Sharon Repka will serve as the new VP with this new title:
 - i. VP, Government Relations.
 - ii. Sharon will also help Bill Zielke and Reed Miller with Corporate Fundraising .

IV. Treasurer Report-Jane

- a. Financial report
 1. ANT has exceeded our insured level at Tower Bank
 2. Plan: do not exceed the \$100,000 insured level at any one bank.
 3. (Jane) to open account at Wells Fargo through Gail's new contact, Andrew Veenstra (Fort Wayne President)
 4. (Bill and Sharon) to meet with Carl @ Wells Fargo once account is established regarding a donation.
- b. Approval of outstanding bills over \$500.00 each

V. Legal Report - Art

- a. MOU
 1. Approved by board, as presented this evening.
 2. City- should be signed at Board of Works meeting Sept. 6. Lynn will attend, (Leslie) will do press release.
 3. County – not yet finalized.
 - i. Sept. 29: Rob Young (Economic Development Alliance) and three county commissioners are going to Indy to see trails and meet with Ray Irvine.

VI. City Government Report

- a. Bob unable to attend

VII. Public Relations

- a. New signs ordered
 1. for existing trails and ANT future sites will arrive soon
 2. Approval given for payment: Jane to pay JW Signs for a bill that may exceed \$500.
- b. New Recruits
 1. Lynn Hersberger – Newsletter Editor; Graphic Designer (will also do e-Newsletter) She came to us from Lutheran and is doing the Lutheran Physican match mailing
 2. Sara Burns – Production Coordinator (ie, printing, signs, assembly)
 3. Leslie will focus more on media relations.
- c. Updating Donors
 1. Bill feels it is very important to update all donors on a regular basis.

2. (Leslie) will send a cover letter with copy of e-newsletter to donors via USPS. I am writing this letter now. It's about finished.

VIII. Construction/Engineering

- a. (Gregg) Areas that need to have serious consideration for future trails
 1. **Surface** (Sharon has noticed major differences in trail surfaces – some present real challenges for roller-blades)
 2. **Drainage** (Gail is concerned with the elevation of some trails and the tendency for them to collect water). Elevation is also a key factor in an attractive trail.
 3. **Landscape** (SACS had some issues with tall weeds this summer) Seeding needs to be included in construction process.
 4. **Bollards** (trails that end near intersections are confusing to non-motorized people and cars on the roads). Need to be included in construction process.
- b. Signage
 1. Stop Signs: Stephanie has ordered (30) 18inch stop signs for placement along our current trails
 - i. PROBLEM: Mike Fitch says stop signs must be put up by ordinance.
 - ii. Steph and Art will look into this and make decision regarding stop signs.
 2. "Non-motorized only" signs
 - i. Decision was made to hold on this for now, as ordinance will be needed that states trails are for non-motorized sport only.
 3. Bollards: (Steph) will look into this.
- c. Trailhead
 1. Steph presented graphics by Ferguson.
 2. Construction may begin this fall
 3. Weignand may donate some in-kind work on the trailhead. (Gregg) working on this.
 4. (Steph) to get MOU with Township Park regarding maintenance on landscape beds at trailhead.
 5. Donors can be recognized on engraved corian panels that allow for additional panels yearly.

IX. Fundraising Report - Bill

- a. Fundraising totals: Bill feels good about funds raised but more contacts need to be made. Need to have our running total in the minutes every month. I have asked Bill and Jane to decide which one reports this. It's at approx. \$500,000 now.
- b. Grassroots: working on new date for Freeland event
- c. Corporate
 1. recent donations – see Jane's report
 2. Lutheran appeal to physicians – letter that will be mailed to physicians was circulated but not opened for discussion.
- d. No updates on the following:
 1. Foundations-Just received \$50,000 from Fort Wayne Community Foundation! The largest size gift they give!
 2. Utilities
 3. Developers
 4. Government

X. Quick review of unresolved items from 2005

Not discussed or circulated. I am sorry. I brought it with me to read over but there was just way too much that needed our immediate attention, that we had to cover on top of having a guest speaker. I want to read through this on the phone with you

first, and then we can distribute by email with names assigned to each task. I feel that much of these things are already resolved and not to-do items

XI. Next Meetings scheduled

Wednesday, Sept. 21st

Board meeting open to entire ANT organization
Township Community Room @ Aboite Fire station
7:00 PM

(all) In an effort to shorten board meetings, we have a new plan: all committee chairs to send Lynn updates to be included in agenda. These updates will be provided to board members by email from Lynn to be read before the meeting. Board members can then ask questions regarding updates of the committee chairs. at the meeting, if need be. We will primarily focus on decision-making at board meetings

Sept. 29

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