



## Board of Directors Meeting

Event: ANT Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 26

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Aboite New Trails Office

### In attendance

X	Jim	Coplen
X	Leslie	Ferguson
X	Gail	Herendeen
	Bob	Kennedy
X	Lori	Keys
X	Barbara	Krisher
	Art	Mandelbaum
X	Scott	Miller
X	Mark	O'Shaughnessy
X	Debbie	Probst
X	Lynn	Reecer
X	Sharon	Repka
	Jane	Schmitt
	Stephanie	Schultz
	Gregg	Walbridge
	Bill	Zielke

### I. Guests to attend board meeting

- Sara Burns – Production Goddess

### II. Consent Agenda: items for approval with one motion and vote.

- **Minutes** of Board Meeting. Date: 11-30-05 [Approved](#)
- **Financial report** [Approved](#)

### III. Announcements

- Total number of dollars raised to date (Jane): \$751,846 not including value of in-kind donations
- Total cash in the bank (Jane): \$461,296.50\* includes the following restricted funds:
  - \$42,500 designated for Towpath
  - \$55,000 for salary, office, etc.,
  - \$50,000 designated for Engle Road
  - \$8000 estimated engineering fees still outstanding
  - SACS liability of \$42,582 still outstanding.
- Total miles of paved trails (Lynn): 3+ including Lutheran loop start, won't change for awhile.
- Lynn

- **Parking at ANT Office:** Please remember when coming to the new ANT office ([during normal business hours](#)), always park in the next lot down where there are more vacancies or across the street in Scott's lot. Mark is having parking issues now and really does not want us to take the patients', employees', and tenants' parking spaces. Please request all visitors that make appointments at our office, to do the same. [You can park in front of the office for evening Board Meetings.](#)
- **Corporate Fundraising:** Lynn will lead this committee now with Lori's help.
- **Lori Keys:** on board now and off to a super start!
- **ANT office:** almost completed with nearly 100% of all materials and labor donated ([ANT paid a small amount for the carpet](#)). Wow! How about that?! [Donor list attached at end of minutes.](#) Please review.
- **Volvo for Life Award Nomination:** Sharon Repka has been nominated for a national Volvo for Life Award, in the safety category. Congratulations to Sharon. She really deserves this. Sure hope she gets it! [Announcement will be made this spring.](#)
- **Thanks, Jane:** I want to thank Jane Schmitt for putting in countless hours running the mail merge program for the donor letter that went out at the end of the year, to all 350+ of our donors. She ran all of these back and forth from the printer and got the job completed for us. It was a huge project, especially on top of the holidays and all her year-end treasury duties. Then I also want to thank Stephanie for folding, stuffing and stamping all these for us too. I really appreciate their dedication and hard work. I think these letters turned out great.
- **New donations** from 12/05- 1/22/06 (Jane):
  - Trailblazer**  
None
  - Cyclist**  
Aboite Civil Township (in-kind)
  - In-Line Skater**  
Southwest Allen County Schools (in-kind)
  - Runner**  
Dr. and Mrs. Scott Miller  
The Hylant Group
  - Jogger**  
Todd and Janet Stephenson
  - Walker**  
Dr. Jody and Mrs. Megan Neer  
Insurance and Risk Management  
Grant and Stephanie Schultz  
Dr. and Mrs. Greg Schmitt  
Barbara and Chris ZeeCheng  
Dr. and Mrs. Steve Wright  
The Gilbert Family, in memory of Barbara Gilbert  
Tom and Patrice Teel  
Bill and Pam Zielke

#### IV. Discussion/Vote

- Board approval needed for office computer purchase \$1,328.67 **Approved.** (Grant and Stephanie Schultz recently made a donation earmarked for a computer).
- **The D'Andrea's** (Lynn): turned down our offer of \$50,000.
  - **Plan:** Continue to work with Little River Wetlands for possibility of putting this stretch of the Tow Path on the Eagle Marsh Property (Lori will do this). If needed we can turn this issue over to the City for them to address. If needed, Eminent Domain could be something the CITY investigates.
  - **FYI:** Towpath is divided into 4 sections of trail. Section 1 is a 1 mile stretch to be completed this summer, funded by DNR. Section 2 & 3 should be completed in 2 years. Section 4 includes the part on/near D'Andrea's property. In other words, we have some time to wait now that our offer of \$50,000 has been turned down.
- **Trailhead** (Lynn) Where do we want to go with the trailhead this year? Do we still want to do it in 2006? Not sure Weigand const. is still on board. Sharon will meet with Weigands, Gregg and others to firm up the commitment. If Weigands are not interested in funding it, these ideas were suggested:
  - a temporary donor sign could be placed at the trailhead. Donor boards could also be on display at ANT office.
  - Trailhead project could be phased to do a little now, more lately.
  - Other donors could be sought.

Weigands may prefer to give to paving trails now, per Sharon's meeting with Monica Weigand.

- There may be fundraising opportunities, through the Weigands, specifically for the Aboite Center Road stretch (which is a difficult section).

The Pergola design is beautiful, but the insurance company is afraid it may entice kids to climb on top of it which would obviously, be dangerous.

- This will need to be addressed once the funding of the trailhead is established

## V. **Roundtable/FYI**

- V.P. (Sharon)
  - **TE Application:** The Mayor will be signing our TE application on Tuesday, Jan 24. Lori and I are heading to Indy on Wed to meet with DNR people to go over the application. It must be turned in by Jan 31. Many, many thanks to Eli for his countless hours as well as Leslie F. for her awesome public support info and Lori for her work!
    - Sharon feels we will get funds at some point, difficult to know if ANT has a chance at it for this year.
    - FYI: TE funds are federal dollars, State dispersed.
  - **State House Meeting:** Lori and I will attend a meeting arranged by Senator Long on Wed, Jan 25 at 1:30 at the State House. Hopefully there will be representation from the Governor's office, INDOT's Commissioner Tom Sharp, Ray Irvin, Senator Borrer and Fort Wayne's Mark Becker and Dawn Ritchie. I look forward to discussing funding options for area trails.
    - ANT has been identified as the "Model System" for trails throughout the state.

- Meeting was very encouraging for trails in Indiana.
  - Governor Daniels backs trails 100%
  - One master map of trails throughout the state will be created
- **Towpath:** Lori and I have had many discussions with the Greenway Consortium regarding the Towpath Trail which will eventually tie in to our system at Engle Road. They are currently reviewing a feasibility study for this trail. We need to finalize plans for a safe crossing to access Aboite Trail's system. The first section of approx. 1 mile will be completed (hopefully) this summer.
- **Fundraising (Bill)**
  - **Corporate Fundraising:** LYNN WILL BE HEADING UP THE CORP. FUNDRAISING GROUP FOR NOW AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO FINALIZE A LIST OF PROSPECTIVE DONORS WITH THE EXPECTATION OF COMPLETING ALL VISITS BY THE END OF SEPT. ONCE THESE VISITS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED THE CORP. PORTION OF FUNDRAISING WILL BESICALLY BE COMPLETED UNTIL PHASE 1 OF THE TRAILS IS COMPLETED . UPON COMPLETION WE WILL START THE CAMPAIGN OVER AGAIN FOR PHASE 2.
    - **Needed: Volunteers to call on 3-5 businesses in a defined amount of time.**
    - **Structure of Corp. fundraising is changing slightly – looking for more volunteers who each will call on fewer businesses, in a “blitz” sort of way.**
  - **Parkview Foundation:** BILL AND LYNN MET WITH THE PARKVIEW FOUNDATION . THEY SEEMED INTERESTED AND THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR A LARGE CONTRIBUTION. **Their interest may be in the Towpath**
  - **George Huber:** WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH GEORGE HUBER TO DO AN INVITATION ONLY PRESENTATION TO POTENTIALLY “ LARGE “ DONORS.
  - **Neighborhood Assoc. Meetings:** JUDY IS GETTING THE NAMES OF HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS THAT WILL BE MEETING OVER THE WINTER MONTHS AND WOULD WELCOME A SPEAKER FROM ANT. **BOARD MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR THESE MEETINGS .** LYNN HAS ALREADY ATTENDED ONE. **Sue Brown will be working in this area.**
  - **Lutheran/Freeland Event:** JUDY AND THE PEOPLE FROM LUTHERAN WILL BE SENDING A FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO PHYSICIANS AS A PART OF THE LUTHERAN CAMPAIGN . AFTER EARLY MARCH INVITATIONS TO THE FREELAND EVENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHER \$3000 CONTRIBUTORS . THE COST OF THE EVENT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED , BUT IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WE PREPARE OUR NEW BUDGET.
- **Budget (Jane):** Working on budget for presentation and approval
- **Construction (Gregg)** provided via e-mail.
  - **Eggeman Rd:** Fieldwork on off-site drainage complete this week. Revised design back to County in two weeks. Should begin right-of-way work at this point and begin to prepare bid documents.

- **Scott Rd.:** Field surveying complete this week. Detailed design will begin after Eggeman revisions and should take approximately 4 weeks.
- **Liberty Mills Rd.:** Field surveying complete this week. Detailed design will begin after Scott Rd. is complete should take approximately 4 weeks.
- **Homestead Rd. from Park to Liberty Mills:** MSKTD to begin detailed design after we have County approval of Eggeman Rd. so they can use these plans as a template.
- **Media Relations (Leslie)**
  - Press Release on Lori Keys/new office to go out next week
  - Press Release on 'Benefit of the Month' to go out mid-February (Economic Development)
  - Soliciting 'thank you' ad from Aboite & About. **Leslie will look into paid ad with Aboite & About.**
- **E-newsletter:** ready for distribution first week of Feb. (need updates from committee chairs NOW)
- **Events/Other**
  - **Neighborhood campaign:** Assisting Judy Dusman with this. Wrote letter and accompanying collateral (abridged version of existing fundraising materials)
  - **TE Grant:** Assisted with writing Public Support section
  - **Community Relations:** Developing comprehensive campaign to complement neighborhood campaign (brochures/collateral in area retail, libraries, church newsletters, schools, etc.)

## VI. Roundtable items, in need of a discussion (but not a vote)

- **(Lynn) Lori's role:** Need to go over in general terms, Lori's role, ie., what duties she will be taking on previously done by volunteers and what duties volunteers need to continue to do. **Trail Construction will be Lori's primary focus. She is currently meeting with the Board and other committee chairs to help define roles.**
- **(Lynn) County's Amber Rd. trail** crossing 24. What is the best recommendation we can offer? **These options were discussed:**
  - **Cul-de-sac the trail before it reaches hwy 24**
  - **Cross 24 (however, there's only a short stretch of trail on the other side of hwy 24). This is considered dangerous, unless an overpass is considered.**
  - **End the trail at entrance of "Amber Highlands" neighborhood**
  - **Ask the County to take the Amber Road trail, turn it to parallel to hwy 24, then hook it into the Homestead trail. **Lori will follow-up on this option, which the board favored.****
- **Undone business from Dec. board meeting:** Although there was discussion, we did not identify specific roads that might be more appropriate for a bike lane or some that should have both.
  - **Board members are asked to keep this option in mind. Hopefully ANT will not need construction bike lanes but rather recommend roads that could have lanes added by the County.**

- Roads suitable for bike lanes (intended users would be high-speed cyclists) may include parts of Aboite Center Road, County Line Road.

## VII. Calendar

- ANT Board Meetings will be the 4th Wed. of the month except in the summer. *(Township's Summer Concerts in the Park are on Wed nights so Board meetings will be on Tuesdays in June, July and August).* All meetings will be at 7:00 PM in the Aboite New Trails Office.

Wednesday, February 22

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, April 26

Wednesday, May 24

Tuesday, June 27

Tuesday, July 25

Tuesday, August 22

Wednesday, September 27

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 22

December to be determined.

- Event: Lutheran/Freeland Event

Date: May 19, 2006

Time: TBD

Location: Their home, the event will be inside.

## VIII. Hand-outs for this meeting

Jane's financial report

New Map

Planned Projects updated

roster

Organizational chart



### Planned Projects by Government and Others for the Aboite Trails Plan as of December 2005

PROJECT	APPROX. DISTANCE	PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION DATE	SPONSORING ENTITY	APPROX COST
<b>Aboite Center Rd.</b> Homestead to Van Hoozen Park, south side	1500'	<i>Completed</i>	Aboite Township Parks Department	\$50,000
<b>Homestead Road</b> Aboite Center south to end of SACS property	1500'	<i>Completed</i>	Southwest Allen County Schools	\$30,000
<b>SACS Property at W. Hamilton and Covington Roads</b>	1,850'	<i>Completed</i>	Aboite News Trails, Inc. from various donors	\$39,000
<b>Vera Cruz Development</b>	300'	<i>Completed</i>	Oakmont Development	\$16,000
<b>Illinois Road/SR 14</b>	2 miles 10' concrete trail 2 miles 5' concrete sidewalk	<i>On hold until further notice</i>	State of Indiana	<i>\$525,000 @ \$50/ft \$262,500 @ \$50/ft (not included in totals)</i>
<b>City of Fort Wayne Fire Station</b> At corner of Scott and Covington Roads	500'	Spring 2006	City of Fort Wayne	\$15,000
<b>City of Fort Wayne Fire Station</b> Along Homestead Rd. only	250'	Spring 2006	City of Fort Wayne	\$7,500
<b>Covington Road, south side and part of west side of W. Hamilton</b>	t.b.d	2006	Mike Thomas & Assoc. Grey Oaks Development	\$50,000
<b>Amber Road</b>	1.2 miles	2006	Allen County	\$70,000
<b>Deer Ridge Elementary</b>	500'	2006	Southwest Allen County Schools	\$10,000
<b>Eggeman Road</b>	.5 mile land donation	2006	Gary Probst	unknown
<b>Liberty Mills Rd. south side</b>	700'	2006	Indian Creek Veterinary Dr. Kevin Cawood	\$15,000
<b>Aboite Center Rd. Jefferson to Coventry</b>	1 Mile 10' asphalt 1 Mile 5' concrete s.w.	2007	County, City & State of Indiana	\$130,000 \$520,000
<b>Covington Road</b>	.5 mile land donation	2007	Anonymous donor	unknown
<b>The Chapel</b>	500'	2007	The Chapel	\$10,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	4.2 miles			\$962,000

*\*First Completed Project was the 169 bridge on Aboite Center Rd. with bicycle and pedestrian access lanes in 2002.*

## Felderman Design-Build Volunteer Companies

Company Donor	Contact	Phone	Address	Materials donated & estimated value	Month donated	Est. Value
Mark Reecer, MD Fort Wayne Physical Medicine <a href="mailto:FWPhysMed@aol.com">FWPhysMed@aol.com</a>	Mark Reecer, MD	436-9337	5750 Coventry Lane	Monthly lease of office space	Dec. 2005	\$700/month
Mark Reecer, MD Fort Wayne Physical Medicine <a href="mailto:FWPhysMed@aol.com">FWPhysMed@aol.com</a>	Mark Reecer, MD	436-9337	5750 Coventry Lane	Lease of space, all drywall, doors, wallcovering	Dec. 2005	\$1,000??
Felderman Design <a href="mailto:russ.felderman@felderman.com">russ.felderman@felderman.com</a>	Russ Felderman	434-4000	5620 Coventry Lane Fort Wayne 46804	<b>Supplied material for:</b> metal door frames & door leafs with hardware. Fiberglass wall insulation. 2x4 wood framing	Dec. 2005	
Felderman Design <a href="mailto:russ.felderman@felderman.com">russ.felderman@felderman.com</a>	Russ Felderman	434-4000	5620 Coventry Lane Fort Wayne 46804	<b>Provided labor for:</b> steel studs & drywall installation. Insulating of wall cavity, door reinforcing, side-lite frame installation, poplar wood abse and window trim.	Dec. 2005	
Interior Products Supply	Chris Pomeroy	471-8210	P O Box 8299 Fort Wayne 46808	Supplied drywall material	Dec. 2005	
Messer-Lehman	Howard Lehman	432-5333	PO Box 9647 Fort Wayne 46898	Supplied material for suspended ceilings and steel studs	Dec. 2005	
James Electric	Steve Nott	482-9501	333 Stable Drive Fort Wayne 46825	Supplied electrical wiring and labor	Dec. 2005	
Mann's Inc. <a href="mailto:mbonifas@myvine.com">mbonifas@myvine.com</a>	Mike Bonifas	422-0304	50 Commerce Drive Huntington 46750	Supplied material and labor for ductwork and diffusers	Dec. 2005	
Hanna Brothers	Dave Hanna	424-2396	1429 Dubois Fort Wayne 46803	Supplied labor for taping, sanding & finishing of drywall	Dec. 2005	
Moss Engineering	Jay Snider	432-0526	2020 Lakeview Drive Fort Wayne 46808	Supplied material for side-lite framing	Dec. 2005	
Waynedale Mill	Mark Haines	747-1265	6701 Ideal Ave. Fort Wayne 46809	Supplied poplar wood base and window trim	Dec. 2005	
Hartford Glass Company	Pete Reidy	424-4122	P.O. Box 11482 Fort Wayne 46858	Supplied side-lite glass	Dec. 2005	
Parrish Wallpaper & Paint	Scott Parrish	426-5572	1112 Vermont Ave. Fort Wayne, IN 46805	Supplied labor for painting and wallpapering	Dec. 2005 & Jan. 2006	
McCord's Do It Best	Doug			Supplied paint	Dec. 2005	
The Baldus Company	George Baldus	424-2366	440 W. Brackenridge St.	Supplied signage		
Centennial Wireless	Jason			phone and minutes	Jan-06	
Seely Office Equipment				fax machine	Jan. 2006	

Renaissance Landscapes	Bill Stauffer	866-625-5088	9490 S. 600 E-92 Roanoke, IN 46783	moving of furniture to new office	Jan. 2006	
Do it Best	Bill Zielke	748-5300	6502 Nelson Rd.	supplied 10 file cabinets	Jan. 2006	
Bill and Pam Zielke		432-2200	2933 Covington Lake Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46804	supplied small conference table and 4 chairs	Dec. 2005	
Dr. and Mrs. Gregg Schmitt	Jane Schmitt	436-6118	10510 Vermilyea Pass Fort Wayne, IN 46804	supplied executive desk and chair	Dec. 2005	
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jorgensen	Jane Jorgensen	432-1699	2912 Little Turtle Trail Fort Wyane, IN 46804	supplied large wood conference table	Dec. 2005	
Dr. and Mrs. Scott Miller	Scott Miller	436-1729	12207 Aboite Center Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46814	supplied 8 office chairs	Dec. 2005	
Tri-State Maintenance, Inc	Mark T. Carboni	484-6365	3202 Caprice Court Fort Wayne, IN 46808	supplying on-going, weekly, office cleaning services		
The Carpet Craftsman				supplied carpeting at discounted rate		
Infusion	Cathy Droste	424-0476	914 South Harrison St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802	supplied dry erase boards at discounted rate		

