

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail

Meeting Minutes 6/20/19

Attendees:

Louis Carrio, Eva Carrio, Mike Jahn, Sammie Martin, Clara Pinkham, Alice Young, Dan Butterworth, Melissa Ford, Chris Gray, Mary Chayka-Crawford

6:30 PM meeting called to order.

Meeting minutes approved from 3/21/19 meeting. Mike Jahn motioned, Sammie Martin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Louis Carrio (Louis) mentioned that Moose Jaw held a fundraiser and donated the proceeds to our group. Approx. \$500 is expected once funds are accounted for.

Louis asked if everyone was aware of and familiar with an **Amazon Smile** account. Once designated, we get 0.5% of all purchases. If you want to direct contributions to PCT Friends make sure you access www.smile.amazon.com, and that our group is designated to receive the donation.

National Trail Day- Mike Jahn and Melissa Ford reported on the event. A number of free gifts were given out such as shirts, phone protectors, and shopping bags. People liked the “spinning wheel” and Sammie Martin reported a lot of surveys were filled out for the Trail Commission upcoming Master Plan. Unfortunately, the event was cut short due to rain. It was suggested this would have been much more successful if we had more time. We closed our tents due to rain after about 2 hours.

Treasurer report- Alice Young provided an updated report. Balance as of May 31 is \$36,978.25

Invoices- Louis presented the invoice for our insurance of \$850. Mike Jahn has accepted responsibility for future insurance quotes and renewals. We discussed going out for quotes this year but we do not have time to get quotes as the invoice is due July 1, 2019. Mike Jahn will investigate alternatives for next year. Mike Jahn moved to approve the \$850 invoice. Alice Young seconded. Approved unanimously.

Bridge work- Melissa Ford reported the bridge replacement work has started as of last Monday.

Pictures are online at the website. It is planned to be finished by Labor Day weekend. Resurface bids came in approx. \$300k high to original estimates. Contractors were asked to re-bid with some changes to plans and the contract was awarded to WCI, a local company.

Interim Trail Manager- Melissa Ford reported that an interim manager was hired. His name is Brian Marzolf. He starts July 8 and Melissa Ford is expected to take maternity leave about 2-3 weeks later.

Master Plan- the survey is online. Everyone was encouraged to complete the survey. An open house will be held on July 17. Three volunteers from the Friends group were requested to attend. Mike Jahn, Louis Carrio and Anne Jahn will attend.

Labor Day Walk- the Trail Commission voted to not have the event this year due to the Manager situation and the trail bridge work.

Trail Commission- Louis Carrio attended the April 15, 2019 meeting and provided an update of our status. An outline of comments was distributed. The commission is interested in supporting the idea of a pollinator garden near the trail which could include a memorial of some type to Dave Moutrie. David

Becker of the Commission will pursue discussion with the Moutrie family. Rock Blanchard will lead the project with funds from the Friends group.

Chamber of Commerce- we discussed joining the Rochester Regional Chamber and the Lake Orion Chamber. Cost is \$150/Chamber. It was thought we might benefit from their business connections as possible future event sponsors. Discussed if the fee is prorated this year but we were a member at the outset and simple delinquent in paying our membership dues. We agreed to set up meetings with the two groups to discuss opportunities. Mike Jahn to schedule. Alice Young and Louis Carrio to attend.

Clara Pinkham motioned to approve up to \$300. Seconded by Mike Jahn. Approved unanimously. Chris Gray also mentioned CORE group which is a local non-profit organization.

Clinton River Friends- Louis Carrio, Eva Carrio, Mike Jahn, Anne Jahn, and Chris Gray attended their 15th anniversary celebration meeting. Louis and Eva later attended the Friends of the CRT meeting to establish communications. He explained how the trail management is different between the two groups. The inaugural lake-to-lake bicycle ride is Sept 13-18 for a maximum of 150 cyclists. The CRT Friends are planning to sponsor a refreshment stop on the CRT. Louis will communicate with Melinda Hill, CRT Friends President, to determine if we can participate in support their project. Louis is on their Email list.

Mike Jahn motioned to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Sammie Martin seconded. Approved unanimously.