

Friends of the Paint Creek Trail
Quarterly Meeting
Held virtually via Zoom
April 8, 2021, 6:30-7:38 PM

Attendance

1. Louis Carrio	Board President
2. Melissa Ford	Trail manager
3. George Ingram	
4. Anne Jahn	Board
5. Mike Jahn	Board Vice President
6. Jean McBride	
7. Clara Pinkham	Board Secretary/Treasurer
8. Lisa Sokol	Board
9. Rock Blanchard	
10. Steve Johnson	Motor City Brew Tours
11. Dan Butterworth	Board, Trail staff
12. Eva Carrio	
13. Cory Johnson	
14. Jeanne Ernatt	
15. Alaina Campbell	
16. Susan Bowyer	

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Virtual meeting procedures reviewed
- ❖ Welcome to new members
 - Louis welcomed Cory Johnston
- ❖ Approval of Agenda and December 3, 2020 minutes
 - motion to accept made by Mike Jahn, second Jean McBride, approved unanimously, no corrections
- ❖ Trail Manager's Report, Melissa Ford
 - DIA Inside out project will be installed in early May. PCT is working with the Polly Ann Trail and artwork will be in the Village of Lake Orion, at the Kern Pathway, at Adams, and at the IBT connector. A map will be on the PCT website. George Ingram has volunteered to lead a bike ride to visit these sites.
 - National Trails Day Saturday, June 5, 2021, PCTC is planning a "GooseChase" scavenger hunt, looking for sponsors to cover the cost of the app and prizes; Trail staff is considering having a table in downtown Lake Orion for Trails day with information, bike bells.
 - The Paint Creek Junction project is moving ahead; Oakland Township has a trust fund grant and waiting on another grant; bids have gone out and the project is slated for completion October 1, 2021.
 - The donated bike rack for the Moutrie Pollinator Garden was delivered this week, and will be installed by Rochester Hills DPW.
 - The Little Library was built by a donor in memory of a family member, and will be installed and dedicated on May 1.
 - The PCTC signage project is nearing completion, with the branding committee making final decisions on wayfinding signs. Phase 3 of the project is the road signs, which has grant funding,

and is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Melissa thanked the Friends group for their contribution to this project.

- The PCT brochure will be updated this year with DNR funding related to the Iron Bell Trail.
- The new stairs at Bridge 33.7 have been well received by the neighbors for whom the stairs were reinstalled, following the bridge project completion.
- Trail staff is planning Pop-up tables along the trail this year to distribute safety and etiquette information, pass out bike bells, and answer questions. Ascension Hospital will also provide information about their children's' bike helmet program.
- PCT has a grant from an Oakland County Millage for invasive species treatment. More details will follow.

❖ Motor City Brew Tours update, Steve Johnson

- Registration is on-going; not too many riders yet.
- Discussed ideas to boost participation, including promoting to Lake Orion and Rochester Main Street groups, Chamber of Commerce, providing better explanation of "virtual" ride and time frame.
- Clara Pinkham suggested including RBS and offered help with contact.
- Lisa Sokol suggested contacting R and LO downtown associations.
- Alaina Campbell confirmed releases by RRC and its weekly newsletter.
- Wording for Facebook and website event descriptions were discussed, and Steve thanked the group for input. Steve will send out updated event information.
- Questions can be sent to steve@motorcitybrewtours.com.

❖ Louis presented the new PCT Friends rack card and Moutrie Pollinator Garden brochures that are being distributed to local businesses and included in new resident packets to realtors.

❖ Financial Report presented by Clara Pinkham, Secretary/Treasurer

- Revenue since Dec. 3, 2020 meeting \$607.65; expense \$1396.63; total -\$788.98.
- Checkbook balance as of April 8, 2021 \$24,289.92.
- Restricted funds \$4136.65.
- Unrestricted funds \$20,153.27.
- Mike Jahn reported pending invoice for insurance, estimate \$850. Since this will need to be paid before the next Friends meeting, a motion was made by Lisa Sokol to approve up to \$1000 for insurance, seconded by Ann Jahn, approved unanimously.
- Motion to accept the financial report was made by Mike Jahn, seconded by Lisa Sokol, approved unanimously.

❖ Moutrie Pollinator Garden – Jean McBride

- Volunteers have been doing spring cleaning and the garden looks good.
- MSU Master Garden Program approved site for other volunteers, and COVID restrictions limiting volunteers on site were discussed. Jean will continue to look for volunteers and work within MSU guidelines.
- Rock will recruit volunteers at his workplace and coordinate with Jean.
- Traffic across the grass and through the fence into the garden was discussed, and planting of shrubs was recommended to form a barrier to deter this traffic. Various types of shrubs are being researched. Rock Blanchard suggested boulders and some signage to encourage behaviors. Other spring planting of annuals for color, and mulching, were discussed.
- A motion was made by Lisa Sokol to approve spending up to \$800 for shrubs, annuals and mulch. Second by Anne Jahn and approved unanimously.
- Mike Jahn suggested Kings Cove newsletter to seek volunteers. Rock suggested also publicizing on both PCT sites.

- ❖ Future meeting dates
 - May 13 (virtual) to prepare for June 5 Trails day and MPG dedication during Pollinator Week (June 21-27, with a possible work day on that Friday).
 - August 12 (virtual) to prepare for Sept. 6 Labor Day event
 - Rock Blanchard an outdoor meeting in the MPG or elsewhere
 - December 9 for annual Pot Luck or pizza, and Officer elections for 2022
- ❖ Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38 PM made by Lisa Sokol, second by Mike Jahn, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Clara Pinkham, Secretary/Treasurer April 17, 2021