

Minutes of the September 22,2022 Friends of the McCoy's Creek Trail Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jerry Flenar at 7:00 p.m. City Hall. Attending: Writer, Jacobs, Flenar, Burgoyne, Miller, McClellan, and Brooks. Absent: McDonald, Dougherty, M. Green, and T. Green.

Agenda: A motion to accept the September 22,2022 Agenda, as amended to add item "11e. Dues billings letter", was approved and carried.

Public Comments: None.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the minutes of the July 28,2022 Meeting was approved and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Flenar reported that four new memberships were received, totaling \$250. Flenar collected \$21,750 in Year 2 Trail Extension pledges, with \$6000 still due. A total of \$600 in cash for Trek-or-Treat candy has been received from Honor Credit Union, Country Heritage Credit Union, and the Lions Club. Additionally, Scarecrow Charities has graciously donated \$500 worth of candy for the event. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with an available cash balance of \$149,762.69, was approved and carried.

City Planning Commission: No report.

Fund Raising Events: Our MDNRTF application scored over 400 points, but with corrections to the original application being submitted, we should end up with a corrected total of 475 points out of a total 500 points possible. We should hear news of our application for \$300,000 sometime this fall.

Berrien County Jail Crew: The Berrien County Jail Crew has been scheduled for Sunday, September 25, for mulch spreading and Trek-or-Treat area clean up.

Bainton Mill: The City Crew has performed some basic maintenance at the Bainton Mill Garden area. No civic group has stepped forward to agree to full-time maintenance of the site.

Veteran's Memorial Maintenance: Honor Credit Union Volunteers have done an excellent job of maintaining the Veteran's Memorial Site along the Trail near the former Duck Pond.

Roe Street Gardens Maintenance: The Volunteers from Redbud Roots have done an outstanding job of maintaining the Roe Street Gardens area near Tin Shop Theatre. Brooks will send Thank You notes to our maintenance groups.

Eagle Scout Projects: An Eagle Scout Project should be available for 2023.

McCoy's Creek Trail Brochure: The new Trail Brochure has received great community reviews. McClellan is distributing the new brochures. The Committee would like to thank Writer, Dougherty, McClellan, Flenar, and Marci Hamilton for a job well done!

Dues Billing Letter: Flenar reminded the Committee that the dues collection for 2021/2022 is rapidly approaching its end, and that a new letter for 2023 membership dues and a new mailing should be planned soon.

River St. Joe: Dougherty is planning to have another "Candy Collection/Biking" event at River St. Joe soon.

Trek-or-Treat: Flenar reported that \$600 in cash has been received for candy, along with \$500 worth of candy generously donated by Scarecrow Charities. Brooks and McClellan will write Thank You notes to Honor Credit Union, Country Heritage Credit Union, the Lions Club, and the Scarecrow Charities. Miller also gave Brooks some cash for "Seed" candy to be purchased soon. Larry Money of the American Legion has graciously offered to have the Legion's Trailer available to haul candy. Dougherty will e-mail Trek-or-Treat Characters "Release Forms" soon. Flenar has asked the Scarecrow Charities, BHS Football Team, BHS Cheerleaders, and BHS Honor Society for volunteers for the event. A motion to spend "up to \$2000" for Trek-or-Treat candy was approved and carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. City Hall (*Please note the "time of day" and "the day of the

week changes” from the previous meetings.) Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Don Brooks, Secretary.