

Butler Freeport Community Trail Council Meeting
Meeting Notes, March 2, 2009

In Attendance: Bobbi Diller, Chris Ziegler, Bob Ingoldsby, Robert Walter, Jim Meyer, Ray Smetana, Bob Denehy, Frances Ritchie, Connie Sutara, Angelo and Ann Quaranta, Drenda Gostkowski, Victoria Knechtel, Kevin Knechtel, Steve Stuckey, Sam Stuckey, Debbie Swettenam, Bob Selvaggio, Albert Roenigk, Art Borland, Ben Brugmans, Richard Carr, Dave Adams

A. Announcements/President's Report

1. Chris attended a Butler Township Meeting and gave an overview/update of Trail progress.
2. Due to circumstances, it is necessary to ask for an extension of time from Joseph Dittmer regarding purchase of the Herman property.
3. We have applied to Rails to Trails Conservancy for a grant of matched money. This would be used for bridge decking. This is a grant where 'in kind' services can count!
4. Angelo, John and Chris attended a DCNR grant workshop, and learned how to file electronic grants.
5. Applied for a CDBG grant available from the city for a parking lot on Kaufman Drive.
6. BFCT will donate \$25.00 (motioned by Art Borland, seconded by Robert Walter, passed) to the annual Buffalo Township Elementary School Science Fair.
7. Elections
 - a. A motion was made by Ray Smetana, seconded by Debbie Swettenam, and passed to appoint Angelo Quaranta as Vice President. A motion was made by Debbie Swettenam, seconded by Robert Walter and passed to reelect John Haven as a Board Director. A motion was made by Art Borland, seconded by Ray Smetana and passed to keep the Officers and Board as is, with exceptions of VP & Board Director amendments: Chris Ziegler, President; Bob Ingoldsby, Treasurer; Bobbi Diller, Secretary; Board Directors: Debbie Swettenam, Robert Walter, Fritz Emmerling, and Albert Roenigk.

B. Open Issues

1. Membership (Anne Quaranta)
 - a. There are 158 paid memberships.
 - b. Natili's in Butler has committed to a sponsorship on the new membership card.
2. Finance Committee/Treasurer (Bob Ingoldsby)
 - a. Expenses and receipts are usual.
3. Maintenance (Bob Corbett & Ouch Roenigk)
 - a. Assistant trail-boss Jim has been monitoring conditions on the trail. The severe winds caused some trees to fall. Thanks to all who assisted in cleaning up.
4. Buffalo Township Liaison (John Haven & Ouch Roenigk)

None at this time.

5. Volunteers

- a. Sam Stuckey, Boy Scout, would like to complete his Eagle Scout project with the BFCT.
- b. A workday is scheduled for March 28th (9:00 – noon) to begin participation in the “*Pennsylvania Participates in the Great American Cleanup* March 1 to May 31. (<http://www.greatpacleanup.org/>)

6. Half-marathon (Anne Quaranta)

- a. October 17, 2009 is the date of the Buffalo Creek half-marathon race.
- b. At the first race meeting, hiring a race director and the terms were discussed but not finalized. At this time, Anne Quaranta has agreed to serve as race director, in charge of local operations. Further discussion will take place with the proposed paid sponsor solicitor.

7. Butler Tourism (Debbie Swettenam)

- a. Events by the BFCT can be added to the Butler County Tourism Bureau website. Please let Debbie know if you have something that should be on the calendar.

8. Website (Dave Adams)

- a. Check the website often, as Dave is always adding new info!

9. Newsletter (Bobbi Diller)

- a. Apologies that the newsletter is not quite finished.

10. Advertising (Art Borland, Bob Ingoldsby)

No report at this time.

11. Activities/Events (Franny Ritchie)

- a. Geocaching – please check www.butlerfreeporttrail.org for updates regarding geocaching classes and events. There were 30 participants at our Feb. 28th classes, members of BACON (Butler Area Cachers On Note) also helped out and were very impressed with the turnout.
- b. Look for details for a **5-K race**, on the Butler side, to be held for National Trails Day.

C. Issues Pending

All have been covered in other headings.

Please join us for the next regular meeting (occurs on the first Monday of each month) of the Butler Freeport Community Trail Council, April 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m., in the community room at King’s restaurant in Sarver.

Submitted by Bobbi Diller