

**Bike Medina County**  
**Aug. 1, 2019**  
**Medina County District Library**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

Secretary John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Pat McNamara, Second Vice President Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles), Tony Ratajczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), President Beth Schnabel, Treasurer Suzanne Swain (Friends of Medina County Parks), Jansen Wehrley (Parks Director, City of Medina).

**Call to Order**

Beth called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. First Vice President Tim Smith let her know he would arrive late.

**Approval of Minutes**

Beth reviewed the minutes from June and they were approved. There was no meeting in July.

**Treasurer's Report**

Suzanne reported a balance of \$4,180.29. She reminded members seeking donations to be sure to ask donors for the monetary value of in-kind donations. Suzanne also reported she has reserved the Medina County District Library Community Room for the September and December meetings.

**Old Business**

John reported several members met with representatives from Homestead Insurance on July 18 to discuss insurance coverage. He shared information provided by the agency after the meeting to answer questions posed by members about additional coverage options. Suzanne requested further clarification on the proposed directors and officers insurance policy. John said he would obtain an answer and share it with members via email. Suzanne moved to approve the purchase of general liability coverage (which includes the Lake to Lake Harvest Tour) and directors and officers coverage for a total annual premium of \$850. Tony seconded. All voted in favor. John said he would complete the contract with Homestead and obtain a check for payment from Suzanne.

Lynne reported the owner of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles building in Medina has agreed to display a 3-foot-rule sign and NOACA bike maps in the office. However, the owner noted that if the state disapproves, the maps and sign will have to be removed. Beth noted that Bike Medina County's name and contact information should be listed on the back of the sign, in case it needs to be returned.

There was general discussion about advocating for bike racks on Medina County Public Transit buses. Beth reported she learned the transit department has disposed of the racks that had been used on the buses in the past. John said he would reach out to the director and invite him to a future meeting for some dialogue on ways we can work together.

**New Business**

Lynne gave a recap of the recent Medina County Commissioners meeting, where it was hoped there might be some discussion of placing additional 3-foot-rule signs on county roads. Commissioner Bill Hutson invited Bike Medina County members to address the commissioners. Tony gave an update on the group's work. Lynne will follow up with Commissioner Hutson in the hope of furthering dialogue with the county.

Beth shared a follow-up letter to cities, villages and townships regarding 3-foot-rule signs. Lynne added she has heard many positive comments about the signs from Century Cycles customers.

Tim arrived at 11:59 p.m.

Pat reported he was told by the Brunswick city manager the city has received two 3-foot-rule signs and they have been posted. Tim recalled that he had given 10 signs to the Brunswick streets department. Pat said he would follow up on the status of the remaining signs. He noted City Manager Carl Deforest is an avid cyclist and is supportive of the sign project.

Tim reported he handed out a large number of Lake to Lake Tour save-the-date flyers at the Twin Sizzler. Many cyclists said they knew about the event and planned to ride. Tim said he took a lot of photos. John asked Tim to send him some pictures for the website.

Beth offered a reminder that the Fall Foliage Tour takes place from noon to 5 p.m. on Oct. 12-13. Volunteers are needed to staff an information table at the Izaak Walton League location on Friendsville Road.

There is no word yet on the Medina County Health Department grant request, supported by Bike Medina County. The grant would be used to help foster healthy lifestyle activities, like cycling.

Tim has had discussions with potential donors/vendors on obtaining yard signs to promote the Lake to Lake Tour. Tim moved to spend up to \$200, if needed, to print the signs. Lynne seconded. All voted in favor.

### **Committee Reports**

Lynne reported plans are progressing for the Lake to Lake Tour. The next event committee meeting is 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Medina Panera.

Jansen reported the NOACA bike lane project on South Court Street is complete. It includes painted bike lanes and arrows to connect the South Court Street neighborhoods with downtown. The city is still working on signage to direct bike lane users to the Chippewa Rail Trail. Jansen also reported the city should receive word in October on the status of a grant application to extend the Reagan Parkway multi-use trail to the new multi-use trail on North Court Street.

Beth left at 12:25 p.m. for another meeting. Tim chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Tony reported that after communicating with park district Director Nate Eppink, he learned the Signature Square connector trail project is at a standstill. Yours Truly and the plaza owners objected to the planned Lake Medina trail connection near the restaurant, fearing it could adversely impact traffic and parking. Tony noted that linking the trail to the plaza at a location to the north of Yours Truly would in many ways be better, but there are accessibility issues due to the grade. The loss of this connection is very disappointing, Tony said. The second part of the trail improvement process at Granger Road will still move forward.

Regarding bike racks and the Bicyclist Friendly Business initiative, Tony is waiting to obtain a list of business contacts, but has a lead on a possible source.

### **Adjournment**

Tim called for a motion to adjourn. Pat so moved. Tony seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is at 6 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Medina County District Library Community Room.