

Bike Medina County
Aug. 2, 2018
Medina County Administration Building

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present: Lor Breyley, Secretary John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Chuck Koenig, Second Vice President Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles), Keith Rasey (Biking for Mother Earth), Tony Ratejczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Medina County representative), Tom Ries (Wadsworth Trail Committee), President Beth Schnabel, First Vice President Tim Smith, Treasurer Suzanne Swain (Friends of Medina Parks), and Glenn Wojciak (The Post Newspapers).

Call to Order

Beth called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. She invited first-time attendee Lor Breyley to introduce herself. Lor is a retired pastor and interested in finding other cyclists to ride with.

Approval of Minutes

Beth presented additional corrections to the June minutes requested by Medina City Parks Director Jansen Wehrley regarding bike racks on the square. Jansen said there currently are three bike racks within one block of Public Square and there are plans to install three more. Jansen also noted Curtis Wellock is the Medina City Parks foreman, not a county employee.

July minutes were approved.

Lynne arrived at 11:40 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

Suzanne reported a fund balance of \$3,387.52. Bike Medina County has been officially designated a corporation by the Ohio Secretary of State. Following that approval, Suzanne has applied for a federal Tax I.D. number, which will allow Bike Medina County to open a bank account.

Old Business

Beth reported meetings with township trustees regarding installation of 3-Foot-Rule signs on township roads continue to be successful. Most recently, she has met with Lafayette, Westfield and Wadsworth townships, as well as the city of Wadsworth. In October and November, she plans to visit Chatham, Harrisville, Sharon, Medina, Hinckley, Granger, Montville and Guilford townships. Lynne and Tim plan to assist.

Tim arrived at 11:52 a.m.

Keith presented a check for \$180 to Bike Medina County, representing proceeds from the inaugural Biking for Mother Earth event on May 22. Members expressed gratitude to Keith for the donation and for planning the event.

New Business

Dan Hostetler was unable to attend today's meeting, so discussion of liability insurance for Bike Medina County officers was tabled. Suzanne and John will obtain information on how Friends of Medina County Parks handles its insurance to add to Dan's research.

Beth gave an update on Murray Van Epp's donation for bike safety signage. Suzanne noted Friends of Medina County Parks is working on the documentation requested by Vanguard in order to accept the donation on Bike Medina County's behalf. The city of Medina may be able to accept the donation, but it would require council approval and council is on recess. Tim added he recently had the opportunity to talk with Murray and thank him for his generosity. Tim reported Murray is impressed by the work the committee has accomplished.

Beth updated the committee on efforts to create a countywide cycling map showing roads where 3-Foot-Rule signs have been placed. Tony said there currently is no plan by ODOT to install 3-Foot-Rule signs and has no policy regarding them. It is unclear whether local municipalities would be able to place the signs on state routes. Placements likely will be limited to county, township, city and village roads. At Beth's request, John said he would ask if the park district would be able to produce the map. The back of the map would contain additional resources for cyclists.

Beth reported she was contacted by county Commissioner Bill Hutson regarding a request by ODOT for approval of state-designated bike routes through Medina County. Bill would like the committee's input before commissioners give their approval. Beth communicated with ODOT's Caraline Griffith, who planned to arrive at the end of today's meeting for discussion.

Chuck left the meeting at 12.26 p.m.

Committee Reports

Lynne reported on plans for the Lake to Lake bike tour. John will obtain a quote for event insurance from the same provider as last year. Lynne motioned to authorize payment of the insurance premium up to \$400. Suzanne seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Lynne reported that due to other commitments, Kristine is unable to continue handling website and social media duties for Bike Medina County. A volunteer is needed to take on those responsibilities. Tim obtained a donation of additional promotional flyers, which will be distributed via various groups and locations. John will reach out to The Gazette and other publications to promote the ride. Donations of food items are falling into place, but cash donations are down from last year. Beth will ask a local business for a cash contribution in exchange for placing its name on the event T-shirt. Beth also will seek a donation of bottled water from a local restaurant. Additional volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event. The next event meeting is 5:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at Panera.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bike Medina County is 7 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Medina Library. John will assist Tim in sending out the agenda in Beth's absence.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.