

Bike Medina County
Jan. 3, 2019
Medina County Administration Building

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Secretary John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Chuck Koenig, Roger and Mara Hornstrom, Second Vice President Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles), Tony Ratajczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), President Beth Schnabel, Katie Sieb (NOACA), First Vice President Tim Smith, Treasurer Suzanne Swain, Jansen Wehrley (Medina City Parks Director), Glenn Wojcziak (The Post).

Call to Order

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Tony motioned to approve the minutes of Dec. 6. Beth seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

As of November, the balance of funds was \$8,697.82. Of that, \$5,610 represents the Murray Van Epp donation for 3-foot-rule signage. Suzanne reported Huntington Bank declined BMC's request for a credit card, due to lack of credit history.

Old Business

Tim continues to pursue placement of 3-foot-rule signs in Brunswick.

John has not had the opportunity to further research website hosting options. He will meet with Tim as soon as possible for discussion.

Suzanne provided John with the final documentation to accompany the application for BMC insurance coverage. John will submit the application in the next few days.

New Business

Katie shared she was attending today's meeting to touch base with Bike Medina County and complimented BMC on being one of the most organized of the cycling advocacy groups she works with. She reported NOACA has only 40 remaining copies of the Medina County Bike Map out of the 8,000 printed and distributed last year. NOACA will place a reprint order in March-April. Katie asked for input on the number of additional maps needed. After discussion, another 8,000 copies was recommended. She asked BMC to advise her of any minor changes that should be made to the map before reprinting. Major revisions occur every three years.

Beth reported the review of the proposed ODOT bike route through Medina is ongoing.

Per Beth's request, BMC members agreed to participate in the 2019 Medina County Earth Day Festival on April 27. Beth will need volunteers to staff the BMC table. Chuck suggested giving away a free registration for the Lake to Lake Harvest Ride. John said perhaps visitors could sign up for the drawing by giving us their email address, which we could use to send them information about the ride when it gets closer.

Beth reported delivery of 116 new 3-foot-rule signs for distribution to townships that have agreed to post them. She will provide Suzanne with the final cost figures. Some of the signs will replace existing smaller signs. Lynne suggested reposting the smaller signs in neighborhoods where traffic is slower and the smaller signs would be more visible to motorists.

There was extensive discussion of BMC organizing a public bike safety event. Ideas were shared regarding potential partners, dates, locations and target audience. May 18 was identified as a possible date. Because much of the discussion centered on how to reach veteran road cyclists who are reluctant to wear high-visibility clothing or put lights on their bikes, Jansen suggested the annual Twin Sizzler race on July 4 as a good opportunity to reach those riders. Tim said perhaps we need two events -- one to reach veteran riders and one geared toward children and novices. There was much enthusiasm for the idea of hosting bike safety events and members agreed the subject deserved further discussion.

Beth moved to table the agenda item "Under the Medina County Parks' Umbrella" until a future meeting.

Beth left the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Reports

Lynne reported the donation to the Ohio Bicycle Federation for listing the Lake to Lake ride in the Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar will be \$35.

Jansen reported he is working with other city administrators to complete an application for an Ohio Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program grant. It would fund the extension of the Reagan Parkway multi-use trail from Larkens Way to the new multi-use trail along North Court Street. The link will help connect major retail and residential areas on Medina's north side to neighborhoods in the southeast area of the city via the Reagan Parkway trail, the Medina County Park District's Lake Medina trail, and a future park district trail extension from Lake Medina to East Smith Road. The grant would fund 80 percent of the proposed 2,200-linear-foot extension. The grant application, which requires city council approval, also welcomes public input and support. Committee members expressed enthusiasm for the long-hoped-for project. Tim motioned that Bike Medina County give its full support to the Reagan Parkway trail extension. Tony seconded. All voted in favor.

Tony suggested adoption of a strategic plan would help BMC better focus its efforts as an advocate for bike-friendly infrastructure and safety initiatives. To that end, Tony shared a draft of a proposed strategic plan and briefly highlighted its major components. Members expressed support and a desire to discuss the plan further during upcoming meetings. A copy of the draft is included with these minutes.

Suzanne reminded members the March 7 meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the community room at the River Styx Buehler's, 3626 Medina Rd. (State Route 18).

Adjournment

Mara motioned to adjourn. Suzanne seconded. All voted in favor. Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Feb. 7, at the Medina County Administration Building.

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MEDINA COUNTY BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

- Become a strategic partner in transportation and development planning

BRING BACK STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- Dept of Planning Services
- Medina, Brunswick and Wadsworth City engineers and parks directors
- Medina County Engineer
- Medina County Commissioner
- Medina County Parks District Director
- Economic Development Director
- Visitor Bureau Director

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Champion 2016 infrastructure projects
 - Lake Medina-Signature Square Connector *
 - Reagan Pkwy MUP Extension to N. Court *
 - Bohaty Connector
 - Sturbridge Dr.-E. Smith Rd Connector
 - Lake Medina Trail/Huffman Park Connector
 - Bike Rte 2-Substation Rd./Fenn Rd. Connector
 - County Sewer Line Trail
 - Bike/Ped Bridge over I-71 at SR 18
 - I-71 Bikeway

*= in process

- Partner with ODOT, County, cities and townships in highway improvements planning
- Implement the *Bicycle Friendly Business* Project
 - Identify candidate commercial and industrial establishments *
 - Contact business/property owners regarding installation of bike racks
 - Encourage commercial establishments to promote bike parking in their advertising
- Sign the County Bicycle Transportation Route System
- Promote bikes on transit

PROMOTE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO BICYCLIST SAFETY

- Promote bicyclist safety in the media (Gazette and Post papers)
- Encourage safe routes to school programs for Medina, Brunswick and Wadsworth City schools
- Promote the necessity for bicyclists to take responsibility for their safety by
 - Stressing the need for all bicycles to have rear red and frontal white flashing lights
 - Stressing the need to wear high visibility clothing
- Make motorists aware of the danger to bikes and peds from the operation of motor vehicles with semi-autonomous driving features

- Develop a safe vehicle operation slogan, e.g., “Cyclists ride with both hands on the handlebars, motorists should drive with both hands on the wheel”.

ENHANCE TASK FORCE VISIBILITY

- Improve web site
 - Enhance visibility
 - Identify bike parking locations*
 - Show Medina County Bicycle Transportation Routes maps*
- Establish Facebook site

EDUCATION

- Consider League of American Bicyclists safety program training in the County
- Establish and present safe biking instruction for grade school students

EVENTS

- Continue the Lake to Lake event
- Develop weekly evening short “rolls” in Medina, Brunswick and Wadsworth*

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