

**Bike Medina County**  
**June 6, 2019**  
**Medina County District Library**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

Secretary John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Roger and Mara Hornstrom, Second Vice President Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles), Tony Ratajczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), Tom Ries (Friends of Wadsworth Trails), First Vice President Tim Smith, Treasurer Suzanne Swain (Friends of Medina County Parks).

**Call to Order**

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Suzanne let Tim know she would arrive late due to another commitment. Beth is out of town and unable to attend. Via email, Beth reported the feedback at Kids Safety Day was very positive and that she handed out a lot of materials. Beth also noted the Village of Seville was receptive to the idea of installing 3-foot-rule signs and council plans to vote on the proposal in July.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tony made a motion to approve the May minutes. Mara seconded. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pending Suzanne's arrival.

**Old Business**

Mara asked Medina AAA to post a 3-foot-rule sign in its office. Representatives said they will have to make some inquiries regarding displaying the sign and asked Mara to check back later. Mara also dropped off some NOACA Medina County bike maps and requested a contribution to the Lake to Lake Tour. AAA will donate a one-year membership.

John shared a third quote for directors and officers insurance as well as for liability insurance. This quote, from Homestead Insurance in Brunswick, is significantly lower than the others. John will set up a meeting with the agent in July for any members who are able to attend. Members can ask questions and be prepared to vote on choosing an insurance plan at Bike Medina County's August meeting, so coverage will be in place for the Lake to Lake Tour.

Mara reported a good turnout at Kids Safety Day on June 1. The new Medina County Park District brochure showing bike trails in the parks was popular, as were the NOACA bike maps. Mara also handed out a lot of save-the-date flyers for the Lake to Lake Tour.

Tim is planning to cover the Twin Sizzler on July 4 in Medina. He will contact the organizer for details on set-up. Suzanne previously has said she will hand out BMC information at Pizza Palooza on June 15.

Lynne and Tim reported on their participation in the NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Count. The weather was ideal. Tim was stationed at Hadcock Road and state Route 303 in Brunswick from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, and on Thursday, May 16. He counted seven cyclists and seven pedestrians on the first day, none on the second day. Lynne was stationed at Lafayette Road and South Court Street in

Medina. She counted 23 cyclists on May 14 and four cyclists on May 16. On May 15, she counted 21 cyclists at the Chippewa Rail Trail.

### **New Business**

Lynne will check with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles office in Medina regarding display of a 3-foot-rule sign. She will also deliver some bike maps. The office is extremely busy, so it's been difficult to find a convenient time to stop in. Lynne noted there's a supply of NOACA bike maps at Century Cycles, if they are needed for Pizza Palooza and the Twin Sizzler. John also has a significant quantity at the park district office.

Lynne gave an update on donations for the Lake to Lake Tour: \$250 from Thrivent Financial, \$500 from bike attorney Kenneth Knabe, \$100 from C&K Costin & Kendall CPA, and \$300 from KDK Auto.

Lynne has updated the Lake to Lake Tour brochure, which should be ready for printing soon. Tim is hopeful he may be able to procure a donation of yard signs to promote the event.

Tony reported on the Bicycle Friendly Business Initiative / Bike Rack Project. The cost of an inverted-U bike rack is \$88, which includes a mounting kit, but not freight. Cost for a nine-bike rack is \$170. Tony has a friend who is willing to provide the labor and expertise for installation, if BMC paid to rent the necessary tools. Tony suggested offering the installer a stipend, since he will incur the cost of driving to the various business sites. We are still in need of a list of business contacts to ask if they would be willing to purchase racks. Tony suggested requesting a quote from Standard Welding on a quantity of 50 racks for comparison. We still need to formally decide if BMC would pay for installation if the businesses would pay for the racks. We also need an opinion regarding sales tax and whether it is permissible for a non-profit to purchase the racks, then essentially re-sell them to a for-profit business. It was suggested that Handel's Ice Cream shop might be a good business to approach about installing a bike rack.

Tim will check with the director of Medina County Transit on the ability of transit users to bring their bikes along with them on buses. Tony pointed out that if the bikes go inside the buses, the public won't see them. Whereas, if bike racks were installed on the buses, it would help advertise the fact that riders can take their bikes with them. John suggested inviting the transit director to a future BMC meeting for some conversation on how we could work together. Tim said he would make the invitation.

### **Committee Reports**

Tom shared a news clipping about the Wadsworth Interurban Trail. It is hoped that the crushed limestone portion of the trail will soon be paved with asphalt.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, Tom moved to adjourn. Tony seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

### **Note**

Suzanne arrived just after the meeting adjourned. BMC has a treasury balance of \$4,222.98.

### **Next Meeting**

There is no meeting in July. The next meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 1 at the Medina County Administration Building.