

Bike Medina County
Sept. 6, 2018
Medina County District Library

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Medina Township Police Chief David Arbogast, Lor Breyley, Secretary John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Second Vice President Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles), Tony Ratejczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Medina County representative), First Vice President Tim Smith, Treasurer Suzanne Swain (Friends of Medina Parks).

Call to Order

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and introduced guest Chief Arbogast.

Approval of Minutes

Tony moved to approve minutes of the Aug. 2 meeting. Suzanne seconded. All voted yes.

Treasurer's Report

Suzanne reported no change in the balance of funds. We are still awaiting our tax I.D. number from the IRS.

Old Business

Prior to taking up old business, Tim invited Chief Arbogast to speak about his department's bike security initiatives. The chief noted bicycles are among the most commonly stolen and most commonly recovered items, but rarely are police able to reconnect them with their owners. The department has partnered with a Florida company called ProTech DNA, which offers a sticker embedded with a microchip the size of a grain of salt that can be placed on a bicycle frame. The microchip contains a number that will link a stolen bike back to its owner after the owner registers the bike in a national database. Some 3,500 police agencies across the country are using this technology. The company also offers a kit with microchips embedded in an adhesive. The microchips can be swabbed onto other items of personal property, such as jewelry, cameras and phones, to aid in recovering them, if stolen. The technology is supported by the insurance industry, so the kit is free, except for \$4.99 for shipping. Chief Arbogast left a roll of microchip bicycle stickers, along with other materials, to share with task force members. He left the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Tim reported the potential donation of yard signs he was seeking to promote the Lake to Lake ride did not come to fruition. Beth has been obtaining quotes for additional 3-foot-rule bike

safety signs, as well as coordinating installation of them with township trustees and other local officials. She currently is out of the country, but will return in the next week and a half.

Tony asked members to assist in compiling usage information for public bike racks in order to determine how many cyclists are taking advantage of them. It was suggested that a map showing bike rack locations be placed on Bike Medina County's website. All agreed.

John reported the event insurance policy is in place for the Lake to Lake ride at a cost of \$324.70, the same price as last year. In terms of an overall liability policy to cover Bike Medina County officers and events, Friends of Medina County Parks pays \$1,400 per year for a policy to cover its board and activities. John said it's something we will want to continue to research.

New Business

Tim shared NOACA's appeal for volunteers for the upcoming bike and pedestrian count in Medina County.

Committee Reports

Lynne reported plans are coming together for this year's Lake to Lake ride, though additional volunteers for the rest stops would be welcome. As of today, there are 68 pre-registered riders, well ahead of last year's pre-registration total of 52. She has ordered 150 T-shirts for the event. There will be a final event committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Panera.

Tim noted he received two generous donations for the Lake to Lake ride: \$250 from KDK Auto for rider lunch expenses and \$100 from LightSpeed Hosting for general expenses.

Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 4 at the Medina County Administration Building.

Adjournment

John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Tony seconded. All voted in favor.