

**Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee
ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, March 3, 2011 3:00 p.m.

City of Maumee – 400 Conant Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Notes

I. Introductions; review of agenda; approval of 2010 notes

Tom Hall convened the meeting. The agenda and notes were approved via motion.

II. Election of officers

Tom Hall was re-elected chairman.

III. Financial matters

a. Current administrative fund balance: \$3,443.11

Previous balances:

2010	\$3,439
2009	\$3,432
2008	\$3,375
2007	\$3,208
2006	\$2,943
2005	\$3,063

b. Other

IV. Reports (photos welcome)

a. Wauseon, Tom Hall

Had ODOT \$85,000 to build a trail head, but Council pulled the plug – had to return money.

b. NORTA, Patti Gehring and Tom Duvendack

Partnered with conservation resource agency – will be paid yearly for this - planted a 17.5 acre savannah at CR F & 10 north of trail (438 oak trees and prairie grass). Added to trail signs: pictograms (no ATVs etc) and North County Trail signs. Will need to water the plantings this summer. Public meeting in Unity on March 10 – to update locals. Wabash Park owned by NORTA in West Unity; town has asked about taking ownership of park – will have deed restrictions (must remain park, will be 50' from CL). Still have issues with adjacent farmer on CR 16 Williams Co. who cut into corridor to drain field. Has not been cooperative. Ed Snyder has filed a law suit.

c. Metroparks, Dave Zenk

Recreational Trails grant pending in partnership with Monclova Township to build restrooms adjacent to trail and rec fields. Updating signage in Metroparks; will add QR codes (type of barcode) that can be scanned by trail users to bring up location maps and other info.

d. Lucas County, Bridgette Kabat, Ron Myers

Ron – Mileposts are backwards – going to reverse their direction. Committee discussed

numbering across whole system or numbering within each county. There is a gap between Shops at Fallen Timbers and where path ends. Submitted TE grant in part to finish connection (2,000'). Other part of TE application is pavement rejuvenation – scheduled for 2015 (funded tentatively).

- e. Maumee, John Jezak
Moving ahead with connector path from Shops north to Monclova Road. Completion fall of 2011. Side path with connect to bridge, 12' path, west side of Jerome road.
- f. Whitehouse, Jordan Daugherty
Finished full-season depot restaurant. Preliminarily planning to do a gateway at intersection of trail and SR 64. 2012 will start construction on multi-use path (Nona France property, adjacent to Quarry) – will connect to Wabash, 12' width paved.

V. New federal rules on trail access for “other power-driven mobility devices”*

Rule effective Marc 15th. See page 2 of this agenda, plus additional info at this link:
www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/power-mobility-questions-answers.html#ass

Tom/Patti: goes into effect this month – allows disabled to go onto trail with any vehicle. 5 criteria that would disallow motor vehicles – but if you allow patrol or maintenance vehicles, you can't prohibit other motor vehicles.

Ron – remove “no vehicles,” and post “no unauthorized vehicles”

Tom H – Metroparks and Lucas County will look at and share with others?

Ron: design speed is 20 mph – post a speed limit?

Metroparks: may just wait and see, do nothing in meantime except draft language to be used when needed

If do assessments (to determine which vehicles can't be used on trail), must give public notice, e.g..on web.

Ron thinks TE funding prevents trails from being closed – will look for language

VI. Other development or management issues; other business

TE funding in jeopardy. Bridgette moved, Patti seconded, motion passed: Wabash committee letter to legislators in support of bikeway funding; Tom will sign. Copies to members who may do own resolutions (e.g. Bridgette / Tom)

VII. Next meeting date and proposed agenda items

Meet at Whitehouse in 2012 Motion made by John J to adjourn and seconded by Bridgette.

Next annual meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2012
(first Thursday of March)

Re V. “other power-driven mobility devices”

§ 35.137 Mobility devices.

- (a) ***Use of wheelchairs and manually-powered mobility aids.*** A public entity shall permit individuals with mobility disabilities to use wheelchairs and manually-powered mobility aids, such as walkers, crutches, canes, braces, or other similar devices designed for use by individuals with mobility disabilities in any areas open to pedestrian use.

- (b) (1) ***Use of other power-driven mobility devices.*** A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of other power-driven mobility devices by individuals with mobility disabilities, unless the public entity can demonstrate that the class of other power-driven mobility devices cannot be operated in accordance with legitimate safety requirements that the public entity has adopted pursuant to § 35.130(h).
 - (2) ***Assessment factors.*** In determining whether a particular other power-driven mobility device can be allowed in a specific facility as a reasonable modification under paragraph (b)(1) of this section, a public entity shall consider—
 - (i) The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device;
 - (ii) The facility's volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month, or year);
 - (iii) The facility's design and operational characteristics (e.g., whether its service, program, or activity is conducted indoors, its square footage, the density and placement of stationary devices, and the availability of storage for the device, if requested by the user);
 - (iv) Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the other power-driven mobility device in the specific facility; and
 - (v) Whether the use of the other power-driven mobility device creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, or poses a conflict with Federal land management laws and regulations.

- (c) (1) ***Inquiry about disability.*** A public entity shall not ask an individual using a wheelchair or other power-driven mobility device questions about the nature and extent of the individual's disability.
 - (2) ***Inquiry into use of other power-driven mobility device.*** A public entity may ask a person using another power-driven mobility device to provide a credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of the person's disability. A public entity that permits the use of another power-driven mobility device by an individual with a mobility disability shall accept the presentation of a valid, State-issued, disability parking placard or card, or other State-issued proof of disability as a credible assurance that the use of the other power-driven mobility device is for the individual's mobility disability. In lieu of a valid, State-issued disability parking placard or card, or State-issued proof of disability, a public entity shall accept as a credible assurance a verbal representation, not contradicted by observable fact, that the other power-driven mobility device is being used for a mobility disability. A “valid” disability placard or card is one that is presented by the individual to whom it was issued and is otherwise in compliance with the State of issuance’s requirements for disability placards or cards.