

Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group
8 April 2010
Meeting Minutes
submitted by Nancy Washer

Present: Pete Randazzo, Mike Shaffer, Harry Shifton, Doug Hickerson, Lucille Ribble, Dick Rizzo, Ute and Ray Duncan, Joan and Richard Fenton, Norm Frisch, Nancy Washer

Meeting Called to order: 7 pm by Ray Duncan

1. Our finances in view of current political turmoil: Ray Duncan

What happens to us if the village dissolves?
discussed things with Alicia and the village treasurer
been to board meetings
spoken to Kent Blair and Hal Legg (our liaison)
our money is completely safe—in a trust fund, i.e. a lock box
if the village dissolves, our money will be given to us
currently managed by the village because we're a village committee
Kent Blair gave us a donation of \$250
Publically thanked Kent for his donation, asked for other donations, at village board
then village historian gave a talk, followed by Rich Miller (give me liberty or give me
death), who handed Ray \$2
General fund now has: \$3322.08 (largely from Santa train and auction)
Stone Soup \$1717.92
Walk to School \$200

Discussion

Mike Shaffer: gave a check to Alicia for the poster contest: where does it go?
Joan Fenton: but we didn't do a poster contest
Richard and I run it ourselves, run it during the fall
Mike Shaffer: there's the one check, then there were going to be a couple more
\$60 from the Lions club, more from Rotary
Ray Duncan: we'll have to ask Alicia when she gets back
Harry Shifton: since Ian Coil left, the new treasurer is very helpful
Pete Randazzo: does the \$3322 include what he's spent on trails so far?
spent \$195 on stakes and \$18 on paint
ordered stakes through Town of Sweden, but auditors said there's a problem
billing between town and village; supposed to be billed to Village of
Brockport / Walk Bike account
also bought paint through Harry Donahue, told him to charge it to Walk Bike
so the question is: have the bills come through?
Ray Duncan: we'll have to ask Alicia when she gets back / i.e. something to look into
Pete Randazzo: has there been discussion of having an account that would be easier to
access for small sums?
the tale of trying to buy the paint—very complex, going back and forth
then ran out of paint, decided to just buy some more; received a check for the can
of paint

is there a better way to do it? maybe ignore the sale tax on small things
Mike Shaffer: similar situation in a different place
two fundraisers—auction and pancake breakfast
kept \$300 out of the official account
petty cash envelop in the hands of the director / treasurer
Pete Randazzo: we would have to be careful: remember the mule, how we bought the
police who found the perps some pizza
Mike Shaffer: keep track of it using 3x5 cards
Ray Duncan: give it to Alicia to keep track of
Richard Fenton: it's a good idea
Ray Duncan: save further discussion until after our next fundraiser

2. Trail Committee Report: Pete Randazzo

We have purchased 130 stakes at \$1.50 apiece (shows a sample)
with Trail stenciled in black over yellow (picked for its wide availability)
has painted 120 of them
going to save the rest in case we already have enough
they are stored in his garage
Pete and Dave Ball have put in about 20 stakes (pictures passed around)
Wanted to do a walk with Fred Perrine, who suggested they meet with “Todd”
Todd suggested the arrows to show trail directions
Pete went home and made about 50-60 (wood donated)
put on the stakes with screws (donated)
kept running out of paint
he bought another can of paint
had already spent \$222.98 of the \$225
Harry Shifton moves that we pay Pete back (\$10.98) and make an additional \$25
Ray Duncan seconds
Motion passes, unanimous
Pete Randazzo shows the aerial photo of the park (without College Suites etc.)
plan for road to loop around park
plan for road across from New Campus Drive to access park
close off current entrance, use for maintenance, etc.
shows where they put the trail stakes
north of the concessions
along edge of park boundary, then south towards current entrance
then south of current entrance, wooded
drainage ditch along south boundary, along edge of it to woods on west
side
along west boundary, south of skating rink
probably about 2 miles long
idea is that it can be accessed from existing and planned parking lots
Attended a meeting arranged by Jack Milner on Monday [April 5] of Brockport
Foundation with a presentation on building trails by a “trail expert” from Penfield
idea was to get help with our trail

avoid soggy areas with the trail; suggested to buy flags to lay out trail, before staking it

Also looking into existing trails in the Sweden Town Park

disc golf

cross-country running

trail edges marked by logs / rocks

would like to organize a work day to do this for our trail, also rake the leaves

disc golf is going to have a world tournament next year, so they're going to bring in some

big equipment for their trail, maybe we could "borrow it" for the brushy area

south of the parking lot along the current entrance

also wooded area south of current entrance, distinguish our trail from the two other trails

could put together a sign that shows the trails, buildings, roads etc.

Pete and Dave will finish staking out the trail, wants work day in May or Arbor Day

Plan for College Suites area on Redman Road

Should we plan for something wheelchair accessible?

Discussion:

Harry Shifton: I thought we wanted to connect the trail to the sidewalk on Redman Road (the walk to the lake dream)

Pete Randazzo: there are going to be sidewalks throughout

Next meeting: organize a work day

3. Petition supporting Pro Brockport position: Ray Duncan

should we support the Pro-position?

handout

get back to Ray and Ute on it by email

presents the Pro-Brockport position on the budget

vote to dissolve, then figure out how it's going to work

Richard Fenton: piece on channel 13, they interviewed Carrie Maziarz

most people on the committee live in the Town, rather than the Village

maybe it's not appropriate for us to take a position

Pete Randazzo: the Tax-cutters would use this to their advantage against us

Mike Shaffer: wants to remain neutral

Harry Shifton: against taking a stand, have not gotten into politics as a group

Doug Hickerson: suggests we remain neutral

We decide to remain neutral.

4. Modifying our web site: Ray Duncan

Hands out printout of current website

Many pages/links for things that we no longer support

No more Tour de Brockport: should we get rid of it?

Marilyn has moved

Harry Shifton: should we find someone else to do it?

Ray Duncan: the response to the whole event was not great

Ute Duncan: Marilyn had the freshman physical education majors do it

not really worth the effort

Nancy Washer: it didn't happen last year and no one complained

We decide to drop the Tour de Brockport
Weekly bike rides: does Dick Rizzo want to do this?
Dick Rizzo: I'd rather lead rides on the roads than the bike path
Consider: what do people think of as a bike ride?
12 miles for a beginner
20 miles as the summer progresses
maybe organize it as a "club"
Farmer's market day: lots of people ride through town
Ray Duncan: would you like to think about how to restructure it?
Dick Rizzo: would like to see some organized biking on this side of town
"Latte ride" bunch of people ride to breakfast
Assault on Rochester—at night, year-round
Ray Duncan: do you have friends that you could bring over here?
Dick Rizzo: few serious bikers around here
according to Russ of the bike shop, most bikes sold in Brockport just
clunkers
Ray Duncan: Marilyn and Margay pushed biking, but they're distracted
what to do?
Pete Randazzo: we need a way to contact us on the website
email address of Ray Duncan
maybe we remove "Weekly" from Bike Rides
Need someone to organize bike rides: contact Ray Duncan
1 a month
Dick Rizzo: the other problem is liability with road riding
walking events are still going on with Marilyn
Ray Duncan: look at our website and think about what we can do to improve it
Bike rides—goal of creating a favorable environment for biking
Pete Randazzo: trails should be for hiking only
however, the trail guru said, bikes work very well with walkers
Joan Fenton: is our liability under the Village of Brockport?
Harry Shifton: agreement has been signed between village and town about the
liability on the trail
Ray Duncan: we should consider ourselves not a walking biking group, but a
facilitating group
Richard Fenton: facilitation is strong word, encourage participation
Dick Rizzo: you can link to biking groups in the area
mapmyride.com to map out rides around Brockport
Richard Fenton: we might want a lawyer to look at our activities and liability
Pete Randazzo: but we have the blessing of the town board, approved by town
supervisor
going to be maintained by park workers
Joan Fenton: we could state that our goal is to create, develop, and facilitate
(promote and facilitate) attractive areas for walkers and bikers in the
Brockport / Town of Sweden area
Ray Duncan: Whalen Bray is our webmaster, will bring in a draft of new content
Richard Fenton: these are all good questions

5. Double-checking our events calendar: Ray Duncan

hands out a copy
look at it for things that are missing

6. Anything else: Ray Duncan

Pete Randazzo: talking to Todd about the south side of park, he suggested campers
maybe the FANY ride camp there
problem with facilities

Dick Hickerson: where would they eat?

Harry Shifton: that's the advantage of the Brockport Exempts

Norm Frisch: No Septemberfest this year

Harry Shifton: Bicycle across NY July 12

another one: Bike across America, towards the end of August
stay in Methodist church

Ray Duncan assigns Norm to find out about the Bike across the America date

Mike Shaffer: next meeting in May: earlier in May, two meetings a month to make up for
the winter

or one longer one

Pete Ranzazzo: Dan Hogan was at the Brockport Foundation meeting, gotten contract to
do resurfacing of Main Street

state of NY put a moratorium on payments to all contractors
still worried about our \$3000 with the village treasury

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next Meeting 5.13.10 from 7:00 to 8:30