

## **GRANTS/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 4th, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

Meeting will be held in-person at Park Office at Richfield Heritage Preserve
Zoom Option available
4374 Broadview Rd.,
Richfield, Ohio 44286

## **AGENDA**

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Roll Call
Mike Selig, Steve McPeake

## WORK SESSION

Nature Works Grant – Mike Selig provided an update that we did receive full funding for our grant application to replace the pedestrian bridge. Waiting for final letter of confirmation and likely not anticipating getting started until 2024 with planning.

State Capital Bill – Mike Selig went over the 2023 Buckeye Trail and entrance Improvement request PowerPoint presentation as well as reviewed meeting with both state representatives that occurred earlier this afternoon. Will be focused on Buckeye trail reroute, replacement of the pedestrian bridge, and front entrance improvements. Application materials due Dec 13<sup>th</sup>,

2024 Destination Development Grant – John Piepsny gave summary that he and Holly Price are working on submitting it with the intent of it being utilized to optimize more traffic to our website.

Cleveland Foundation meeting – Steve McPeake gave a summary of the meeting he, John Piepsny, and Anita Gantner had with Alicia Wray from the Cleveland Foundation. While the RHP falls outside of the area the Cleveland Foundation supports Alicia thinks that a number of the Cleveland Foundation members have individual grant like opportunities that could potentially be a good match. Alicia to forward additional information on to us.

Clean Ohio Trails Fund/Recreation Trail Program – Mike Selig and Anita Gantner gave the update that we are electing to hold off on these until the State Capital Allocation Bill application materials are submitted. Will revisit in 2024.

Fundraising update 2023 – Winter Wonders event was held the past weekend and felt to be very successful. Had discussion over what would be best to try and garner donations as it was felt that a wreath was too small and decorating a house was too large. Will revisit the idea of using X-mas tress vs. the other options along the driveway in the spring to give Friends time fundraise prior to the event in 2024.

2024 events – John Piepsny indicated that we will be doing the same fundraising events next year (Goat Derby, Music Festival) and will be also be looking into hosting people at RHP for the eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>. He will reach out closer to events as needs arise.

Paddling Enhancement Grant –Mike Selig indicated that Mark Robeson let him know that the Paddling Enhancement Grant is unavailable this year but that his contact person at the ODNR is going to be supplying him with another list of potential grant opportunities that might fit. Still waiting on that list.

**Minutes** 

**Old Business** 

**New Business** 

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Steve McPeake, seconded by Mike Selig. Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Submitted By:

Date: 26/

Steve McPeake, Committee Member

Accepted By:

Mike Selig, Committee Chair