

**Timber Hill Restoration Coalition
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2007**

Call to Order: The meeting of the THRC was called to order on June 11, 2007, at 3:45 PM by Kris Roselle. The meeting was held at the Timber Hill Reservable Area in Wagon Wheel Lodge.

Attendance: Julie Dalzell - A, John Lawson - P, Christine Maticic - A, Patti McDonald - P, David Robertson - P, Kristine Roselle - P, Jacki Uhler - P, Jason Boerger - P

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting of the THRC Board of Director's were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by John Lawson and seconded by Jacki Uhler.

Volunteer Hours: Jackie submitted her volunteer log sheet with 8.5 hours.

Financial Report: Kris Roselle said the balance in the checking account is \$917.42 including the plant sale profit of \$774.30 and 4 memberships.

501(c)(3): No new information to report.

Board Vacancies/Recommendations: John Lawson moved to accept Julie Dalzell's resignation from the board and David Robertson seconded. We appreciate her service and will miss working with her on the board. Kris Roselle will call Bonnie Fitzharris for suggestions of possible board members. John Lawson recommended Laura and/or Mark Koeninger. We need someone with experience in writing grants. Jason mentioned that there are fewer grants available from the state budget. John suggested that we need help from private foundations. Jackie volunteered to learn how to write grant applications and will ask someone from the Fairfield Community Foundation for advice. David will assist Jackie as he has experience in writing persuasive arguments. David says a letter from the 501(c)(3) is not necessary. The Fairfield Community Foundation has a special fund for parks and recreation. We need to find available grants and closely follow the given deadlines. Kris announced that Duke Energy will fund gutters and a second coat of paint for the lodge. They have a \$1,000/project budget. Jackie will check with GE for possible help. Kris asked the current board members to think of recommendations of future board members who have a passion for the Timber Hill property. Someone suggested Will Arledge from Rotary Club. David will check with the members of the West Chester Rotary Club. We could use someone from Girl Scouts with a banking background.

Newsletter: Kris Roselle said the quarterly newsletter will go out later this month. Jason will send Kris information about the Eagle projects recently finished at Timber Hill.

Spring Plant Sale: Kris recommended repeating the plant sale next year. Many of the plant donors have volunteered to participate again. The Board thanks Christine Maticic for the great job she did in contacting the newspapers to publicize the plant sale. Kris thanked everyone for helping with the plant sale.

MetroParks Update: Jason Boerger reported that the Ryan's were throwing brush in the lane after the April board meeting. Someone destroyed the pop machines by the Administration Building and smashed 2 of its rear windows. Mike Muska met with lawyers about options for dealing with the Ryans. People on four wheelers rode through camp and left without approaching any campers. The rangers have blocked all of the paths used by the four wheelers. Jackie asked about security for day camp in June. Jason stated that the rangers will check the lane before camp daily, will stop by during the day and check camp when locking up at dark. Jason suggested we attend the Park Board meeting if we are concerned about security. Patti will ask Jill Ebbing about police patrols for camp. Mike Broughton, the new chief ranger, will confer with Chief St. John from the Fairfield Township Police.

The lodge bathrooms are not finished, but are fully functional. The missing bungee cords in the Treehouse unit will be replaced with ropes. The trails will be trimmed this week. A Boy Scout will remark the trails with more permanent markers for his Eagle project. The potholes in the lane have been filled. The lane will be regrade later in the summer using money from ODOT. The kitchen shelters in Cricket Crest and Hill N Dale have been painted. There may be plans in the future to make the Cricket Crest kitchen shelter into a lodge.

Next Meeting Date: Kris suggested we skip the July Board meeting and meet August 13 at 3:30PM. The Board agreed.

Adjournment: David Robertson moved that the meeting be adjourned and John Lawson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti W. McDonald, Secretary
July 28, 2007