

**Timber Hill Restoration Coalition
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2007**

Call to Order: The meeting of the THRC was called to order on November 12, 2007, at 3:35 PM by Kris Roselle. The meeting was held at the Timber Hill Reservable Area in Wagon Wheel Lodge.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 8, 2007 meeting of the THRC Board of Director's were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by John Lawson and seconded by Mark Koeninger.

Volunteer Hours: None submitted.

Financial Report: Jackie Uhler has a report. Tabled until the next meeting.

Newsletter: Kris Roselle asked for a volunteer to send information to Jason Lawson for the website. John Lawson volunteered. Kris is looking for another volunteer to help with the newsletter.

Make A Difference Day: Kris Roselle reported that 101 people worked at Timber Hill on Make A Difference Day donating 600 hours. We had good publicity from both the Enquirer and the Journal.

Butterfly Garden: We want to install a bubbler in the garden to create a wet area for the butterflies. Mark Koeninger will ask Jones Ponds to donate a pump for the bubbler. Mark will donate some of the labor and check on a source for rocks.

Memberships: The Board needs to set the membership fees for 2008. One of the advantages of having members is to compile a mailing list. We need to promote annual memberships at the plant sale. Mark Koeninger suggested making the membership fee pay for itself instantly. We could charge a \$10.00 fee if they buy a hang-tag parking pass and \$5.00 if they buy a parking sticker. We pay \$7.00/hang-tag and \$3.00/sticker. Membership will still include a 10% discount on camp rental fees. We need to consult David and Jacki.

Grants and other funding: The Board needs someone to spearhead our search for grants. Government grants are complicated and expensive to get. About 85% of grants are from private companies and 15% from government sources. Duke Energy and Procter & Gamble give grants when their employees volunteer. Mark suggested we approach Butler County builders for help with the bathhouse. Other sources might be Hamilton Community Foundation, Fairfield Community Foundation, Middletown Community Foundation, Liberty Township Foundation, and Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Christine Maticic will send a template for grant writing to Kris Roselle. Mark Koeninger will be glad to help with the projects. The Board needs to go over the future project list with Jason Boerger.

Bylaws/Mission Statement/Goals and Objectives: Kris Roselle suggested we review our Bylaws, Mission Statement, and Goals and Objectives.

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 14, 2008 during our regular Board meeting. We will elect officers at that time, review the by-laws, and present the annual report. The annual report will include a list of the board members, THRC members, and a list of donations according to the size of the gift. We will be thanking the donors for their help. The THRC members will be invited to the Annual Meeting, an announcement will be posted on the website and a press release will be sent to the newspapers. We can have 9 board members and would like to have someone representing Northern Butler County. John Granville will try to attend the January board meeting.

MetroParks Update: Jason Boerger was absent. Mark Koeninger mentioned there were dead tree limbs hanging over the new cable for the security system. He volunteered to remove the branches with the permission of MetroParks.

Next meeting date: The next meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2008 at 3:30 PM at Wagon Wheel Lodge.

Adjournment: John Lawson moved that the meeting be adjourned and Patti McDonald seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti W. McDonald, Secretary
January 5, 2008