

Rail 66 Country Trail
Meeting of the Board of Directors
4:00p.m. November 14, 2023
Law Offices of Grecco, Lander and Shekell

1. **Present:** Al Lander, Greg Borland, Vince DiStephano, Ken Gilbert, Bill Moore, Tim Heubert, Trudy Alexander, Sue Patton and Kathy Linnan
2. **Financial Report:** Sue presented the financial report. For this year, we have had over \$10,000 in donations. The bike race resulted in \$2,123.00 in profits. The bike raffle netted \$3,312.00. Total liabilities and assets at this time are \$1,196,181.97. Al moved and Bill seconded the motion to accept the financial report as presented. All were in favor.
3. **Minutes of May 7, 2023:** Al moved and Bill seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor.
4. **Snowmobile Guards:** Greg presented information regarding the snowmobile guards. The cost to Rail 66 is \$425.00. Car Mate and George Kriebel donated materials and some labor to build the guards.
5. **2024 Bike Race:** Board members agreed to hold the bike race on June 8, 2024. It was suggested that the registration fee be increased to \$35.00. Greg will approach the township about using the pavilion on race day. The alternate plan would be to use a canopy tent if there is a conflict in using the pavilion.
6. **Knox Corridor:** Al is working with Anthony McBride, Joe Kavalchek and the Game Commission in furthering development of the trail. A meeting with Anthony McBride is scheduled for November 30th at 1:00 p.m. on the Mc Bride property.
7. **Future Use of the Bundy Property:** The new owners of the nearby campground may be interested in restoring the house for use as an Air BnB. Other options are also possible.
8. **Letter to Business Sponsors:** A letter to business sponsors has been drafted. Greg will work with Trudy and Gayle on its final form. The letter will be sent out in early December.
9. **Road Crossings:** Vince stated that some road crossings have been straightened out. A blinking sign will be placed at the crossing on Old Fryburg Road in the spring. Discussion was also held regarding having the speed limit changed to 45mph south of Snydersburg.
10. **Signage for Cook Forest Connector:** Vince spoke with staff at Cook Forest regarding new signage to promote Rail 66 from Cook Forest. Greg made the motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 for signs. Al seconded the motion. All approved. The township has agreed to install the signs.
11. **Equipment Update:** Greg noted that the Kubota needed work on the hydraulic valve. After the final leaf blowing, Greg will have Kahle's service the Kubota before it is put away for the season.
12. **Repairs on the Caboose:** Vince stated that the Plexiglas windows on the caboose need to be replaced. Greg noted that he will contact the Eagle Scouts to see if they are interested in refurbishing the interior of the caboose.
13. **Future Use of the Train Station:** Vince presented an idea for the train station. He noted that the station could be used as a secure location for people to store their e-bikes and trikes. This idea was discussed by the group.
14. **Repairs to the Train Station:** Repairs are needed at the train station. Trudy will check in to possible funding for the repairs.

15. Signage on the Trail: Greg will talk to Steve Hoover regarding signage. Steve's son has a lot of historical information regarding local railroads.

Meeting adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Linnan
Secretary