

**Timber Hill Restoration Coalition
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2006**

Call to Order: The meeting of the THRC was called to order on October 9, 2006, at 3:40 PM by Kris Roselle. The meeting was held at the Timber Hill Reservable Area in Wagon Wheel Lodge.

Attendance: John Lawson - P, Christine Maticic - P, Patti McDonald - P, David Robertson - P, Kristine Roselle - P, Jason Boerger – P

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting of the THRC Board of Director's were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Christine Maticic and seconded by John Lawson.

Volunteer Hours: Kris Roselle turned in her log of volunteer hours.

Introduction of Special Guest: Christine Maticic introduced Julie Dalzell, Extension Educator with 4-H Youth Development. The members of the board warmly welcomed Julie and introduced themselves.

Checking Account: Jason Henry officially resigned from his position as treasurer. Christine Maticic moved to accept his resignation and David Robertson seconded the motion. Kris Roselle sent \$27.00 for motor vehicle permits sold to MetroParks so our checking balance is \$176.00.

By-Laws: David Robertson distributed copies of the amended By-Laws. A Certificate of Adoption was added to the final page. Section 4 (Amendments) of Article XII will be deleted because it is repeated in Article XIV. John Lawson moved the By-Laws be adopted and Christine Maticic seconded.

Financial Plan: David Robertson still needs assistance with the financial plan section to complete the 501(c)(3). Kris Roselle knows of one more person who might help with the financial section. Christine Maticic stated that the figures can be a general guideline. David Robertson will email pp. 9-10 to the board members for projected expenses and income. The Board needs to form a three year plan of action so we can predict expenses.

Timber Hill Plumbing System: The plumbing system seems to be the largest repair expense. We will patch the plumbing until we have the funds to do the proper repairs. Someone asked if MetroParks works with the county plumbing inspector for suggestions. Jason Boerger said the Fire Inspector reported that no occupancy certificate was ever filed for the lodge. The plumbing repairs cannot be completed by amateurs. The property has too many water spigots, many located at impractical places. A decision needs to be made as to the number of spigots, hand washing stations, etc. needed before we can estimate the cost. We should tie into the Butler County sewer line running

through the property if possible. They are trying to get the tie-in fee waived. MetroParks cannot fund the plumbing in the next three years. We could raise the funds for parts and try to get the labor donated. Jason Boerger will submit a rough drawing of equipment wanted and John Lawson will estimate a rough measurement of the amount of pipe needed. We want a weather protected system.

Make A Difference Day: The deadline for groups to register for MDD is October 13. Our project is registered on the national MDD website. Kris Roselle sent emails to youth organizations. She asked David Hargrave to mention the project at the Butler County Ministers meeting. Jason Boerger told the board that he can furnish about 10 cases of soft drinks and bottled water. He will bring water coolers, paint and painting supplies. We will ask McDonald's for their free orange drink, coolers and cups. One of the Boy Scouts can use assistance with his project on MDD. Mark Koeninger will clear honeysuckle before MDD. The stumps need to be treated with Roundup by a trained person. The volunteers will mulch the trails, paint the lodge, clean the inside of the lodge, and other needed jobs. We will sell memberships and patches. The 2007 motor vehicle permits will be available December 1.

Bunk Beds: John Lawson's Venture Group cannot finish the bunk beds for the lodge due to conflicting schedules. He will give the supplies he has to any interested group. Patti McDonald will contact Tim Mangold, a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle project to see if he can build the beds.

Youth Projects: A Boy Scout group, Troop 644, may be interested in replacing the kitchen counter top in the lodge. One of the ranges needs to be removed unless we have a fire suppression hood. The bathroom drywall and shower stalls must be replaced before February, 2007. The electric repairs are almost finished in the kitchen shelters and the new pole is up near Cricket Crest. Now the wiring needs to be moved to the new pole, probably on MDD. John Lawson suggested that an article be written spotlighting all of the Eagle projects at Timber Hill.

Butterfly Garden: The butterfly garden is not officially registered now, but will be approved at the November 1st Master Gardner meeting. Christine Maticic and a friend will look over plans for plant donations for the garden. The Master Gardeners will begin work on the garden on MDD.

Prairie Tour: Jim Davis approached Kris Roselle about installing prairie lands at Timber Hill. Christine Maticic mentioned that prairie lands require a lot of upkeep and can be costly.

Other Business: Jason Boerger suggested the board should sponsor a Haunted Village or Trail next fall to raise funds. Scout troops or other groups could each create and staff their own sites. This would be good publicity for Timber Hill. Jason offered office or storage space in the Administration Building to Kris for THRC supplies. Kris mentioned that the board members might want to see the new amphitheater area recently installed in place of the Chapel.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held Monday, November 13, 2006 at 3:30 PM in Wagon Wheel Lodge.

Adjournment: Christine Matic moved that the meeting be adjourned and David seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti W. McDonald, Secretary
October 30, 2006