

Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia

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Meeting Minutes Special ORCA Board Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2020 5:00pm

ORCA Board Members Present: ORCA Chair Mayor Steve Patterson, York Township Trustee President Tim Warren, Nelsonville City Manager Scott Frank and Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason.

1. Approve Agenda. Approved

Executive Director Resolution of Authorization to Perform Operational Tasks

Brief General Updates:

ORCA desire for State Operation Budget Funding

Chauncey Dover Park Trailhead Bridge

Advisory Board Meeting

Baileys Trail System Phase II

CARES Funding Idea for ORCA

New Business/ Other

Adjourn

1. Executive Director Resolution of Authorization to Perform Operational Tasks

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

Request authorization to serve as a signee on the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia bank account and line of credit from the Hocking Valley Bank.

Pay invoices for preapproved expenses, solicit price quotes for goods or services, and initiate small time sensitive projects.

Expense up to \$ 2,500 as needed for small time sensitive projects or standard operations.

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Steve Patterson moved to authorize authority requested and Lenny Eliason, seconded. All members present vote aye, motion passed.

2. ORCA desire for State Operation Budget Funding

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- Will work with area stakeholders to gather information around need and area assets and hope to one day obtain state support. In talking to area stakeholders or elected officials is there

Lenny Eliason moved to authorize Jessie Powers as ORCA Director to work with partners stakeholders and legislators to find long term revenue streams and strategies to support ORCA and ORCA's vision mission and values. Tim Warren seconded. All members present vote aye, motion passed.

3. Chauncey Dover Park Trailhead Bridge

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- The bridge installed at the Chauncey park has been improved with the addition of gravel to make the approach on either side of the bridge a smoother transition. This bridge is also temporary and will be obsolete with the completion of the ODRN funded improvements at the Chauncey Dover Park.

4. Advisory Board Meeting

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- I have met with the remaining advisory board and it seems that the 2020 board will include more members. Especially, if we expand our recreation user group category and add other categories. I've had a few conversations about integration of youth in the process. Also, committee meetings per interest area were discussed as a possible solution to limiting advisory board size.

5. Baileys Trail System Phase II

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- Some of the Phase II trails are nearing completion. We need to name the new trails and create a new map to open these trails.
- We would like to honor the individuals, citizens, and Athens City and Athens County that made Phase II possible. However, in light of the

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pandemic perhaps a soft opening now, as in virtual, and a potential in person event at a later date. The Doanville York Trailhead should be completed in spring of 2021.

Steve Patterson, ORCA Chair

- A soft opening for Phase II trails seems appropriate and more aligned with trailhead construction.

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- A raffle for a chance to name a trail within FS guidelines was suggested as a fund raiser, which might be possible for another phase of construction.

6. CARES Funding Idea for ORCA

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- I'm wondering if ORCA would be an eligible sub-recipient for CARES funding. A few project ideas for CARES funding include tourism marketing in relation to the pandemic, rescue equipment, and a bike fleet. I realize some of those ideas may be a bit of a stretch, so does this seem like something worth pursuing?

Lenny Eliason, ORCA Board Member

- I don't believe ORCA would be eligible for CARES funding for those projects. Projects must be a current unanticipated need not budgeted in 2019.

Steve Patterson, ORCA Chair

- I'm unsure as to those project ideas, but perhaps acquisition of rescue equipment would be an eligible expense and worth pursuing further.

7. New Business/ Other

Jessie Powers, ORCA Director

- I'm still working on ordering Baileys Trail System jerseys and yard signs. We're also working with the Athens County Foundation on a donation match campaign made possible by Tom and Barbara Kostohryz. Huge thanks to Tom and Barb Kostohryz!

8. Adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All members present vote aye, motion passed.