

EMTI Minutes September 7, 2004

Present: Rick, Carroll, Chris, Nona, Jamie, Mary

Approved July minutes

No treasurer report

Salmi trail access from County Rd: Rick got permission from Austin Cleaves to clear the trail for foot and bike access along the farm road and stone wall to Salmi rock. Board voted to allocate up to \$200 for brush hog work. Rick should call Jamie or Mary if the bill comes in greater than that. Some discussion over when would be the most beneficial time (this fall or next spring) to do the work. Decision is-whenever MOMBA is willing to do the work-we appreciate their volunteer effort.

Fitch property: Nona has had some conversations with Martha Fitch regarding the sale of the 11 acre piece on County Road. Asking price is 27,000. General sentiment among the group is that it would be risky for us to consider purchasing the entire piece. A couple of options were suggested: that we buy the property and sell off what we don't need (about 8-9 acres), or that we offer 4 to 5,000 for the trail easement and parking alone, which might enable the Fitch's to sell the property at a lower price.

Fairmont: Bonnie Hall called Chris requesting help in keeping trail users on the trail. She has had several encounters with people using other areas of the farm property, which are not included in the easement. Chris made up some signs and put them in place with Bonnie. Decision was made to order some more permanent signs pointing to trail at a few problem spots, which will be put up in spring, and taken down in fall. Color will be green on light gray. A larger metal sign will go up at the trailhead saying: Please stay on Trail and respect landowner's rights (I'd prefer "wishes"-is that possible?). Should Mary order these?

Also a large tree is down on Dodge rd trail-if still there after 9/17 then call Carroll.

Pratt: Nona requests \$2000 donation from EMTI for Pratt purchase. Unanimous approval. Looking ahead to trail building. We will have to secure easements for access from Dodge Road from Nancy Couch, Tarin Chaplin, and the Ritchey's. Maybe Erica Zimmerman will be willing to write the grant proposals for construction.

Rally Day Walk: Nona will lead a walk to Mallory Brook

We should contact Aaron Codling about next meeting

Next Meeting: Tues Oct 19 at Mary's