

# Redbank Valley Trails Association

## Meeting Minutes –August 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 12 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Darla Kirkpatrick, Sandy Mateer, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Sandy Marsh, Terry Mateer, John Pozza and Tim Welsh. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat) and Tyler Ortz were also present. Board members Patrick Conners Sr., Phil Hynes, and Ty Poster were absent.

1. **Goals and objectives** were read by President Darla Kirkpatrick.
2. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the meeting minutes for the Board meeting of July 6, 2015, as corrected. (Marocco/Marsh)
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Not available.
4. **Public Comments** Tyler Ortz, Boy Scout Troop 403, presented a proposal for his eagle scout project to build and place 2 handicapped accessible picnic tables and 4 benches on the trail at the Bostonia Spur intersection and near Pottery Field. A motion was made and approved to authorize the project and contribute \$200 to Tyler for materials. (Mateer/Shirey).

Dottie and Doug Himes were thanked for retrieving the vandalized gate at St. Charles. They will research a new camera that can send immediate photos of vandalism to a cell phone. A motion was made and approved to add \$900 to the existing camera reserve for purchase of additional cameras. (Mateer/Marsh)

5. **Volunteer Hours.** Mateer reported 664 hours.

### 6. **Grant Updates; 2015 Projects**

- a. **Climax Tunnel:** Clarion Commissioners approved the Construction Inspector Scope of Work at a July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Projected work schedule was discussed.
- b. **Moore Rd. Kayak Launch.** Bernie Marocco reported that the DEP permit had been submitted for the water portion. Work on the land portion was expected soon.
- c. **Website Revision** – Mateer presented draft content for Board review.
- d. **Peoples For Bikes Community Grant Program** – application submitted on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- e. **EQT Foundation grant** application deferred until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 7. **Non-grant updates; 2015 Projects**

- a. HRRMA Sewage Line Project – Restoration status – Board members conducted an inspection on the afternoon of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. A punchlist was compiled and is to be submitted.
- b. Depot St. Spur - Phil Hynes reported that a Peoples for Bikes Grant application was submitted. Work by the contractor is near conclusion on the Borough drainage work.
- c. AWP/Rutkowski Timbering Update –Work has been satisfactorily completed and it was agreed that the bond could be released.
- d. DEP Well Plugging; Madison Twp. – Darla is to meet with Don Cornell to do walk through on locations to be affected.
- e. Installation Schedule for Markers – pending trail work completion.
- f. Brookville H S Art Bear Installation - Pending.
- g. Work day for soccer port-o-join/trail connection to be set after Galen Shirey plans course.
- h. Budget for trail improvement from St. Charles to the Allegheny River –Damage from township road, slide at mile 2.6, and drainage has been repaired by Mark Kirkpatrick with some volunteer help and miles 1 to 6 are ready to be graded. Grader and equipment operators were discussed. It was agreed that we would add Rosebud Mining Company as an additional insured and determine how volunteers are to be covered.
- i. Addition of crushed limestone from New Bethlehem to Climax and from Middle Run to Fairmount City as well as the need to clean ditches near M&S Meats and high school was discussed.

**8. Events & Promotion**

- a. Peanut Butter Festival, New Bethlehem Sept 18-20 - Tent sign-up sheet was circulated and it was agreed to participate in the parade at 3 PM on Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Greenways Conference Warren PA Sept 20-22 was discussed.
- c. Brookville YMCA color run on October 31 – previously approved. John Pozza will speak with YMCA re: Brookville Borough partnering with YMCA to use as a fundraiser for spur.
- d. Redbank Valley Community Center trail cleanup project was successfully completed on Thurs., July 23<sup>rd</sup> between Wood and Lafayette Sts. in New Bethlehem.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Darla reported on Bea Willeumier's memorial service on August 1.
- b. Tractor and tool storage update was discussed with no solution found yet.
- c. Soccer Association agreement was discussed and presented for review.
- d. Tree services are being contacted for emergency use.
- e. Memorial Bench status was discussed with multiple plaques to be ordered at the same time.

**10. New Business**

- a. EPTA – A motion was made and approved to appoint Sandy Mateer at RVTA's representative to EPTA for another 3 year term. (Shirey/Marocco). An update on EPTA was provided.
- b. Promotion – PA Great Outdoors is seeking video of trail use. The L-V has more trail tabs available for distribution.

The meeting then moved by motion to **executive session** at 8:50 PM. (Mateer/Marocco)

**Conveyance.** After discussion, it was agreed that RVTA wished to have all of the trail, including miles 0 to 4 of the main trail and the Sligo Spur, conveyed at once, including all parcels conveyed originally by the railroads to AVLT. At the Board's request, Bernie Marocco agreed to assist Clarion County in resolving questions on parcel identifications on first 4 miles to expedite the transfer.

**Sligo Spur.** Darla is to speak with Steffey regarding status of mile 9 to 10.

**NE Energy Agreement.** A motion was made and approved for Sandy Mateer to present a revised offer and agreement to NE Energy as discussed. If no agreement is reached, NE's locks are to be removed from gate. (Marsh/Marocco).

**Reimbursements.** Mark and Darla Kirkpatrick were thanked for their many donations of time and expenses for fuel and equipment use that have been used for trail improvements to date.

A motion was made and approved to ask that Mark Kirkpatrick use the Northwest Savings Bank debit/credit bank card for fuel expenses related to trail improvements with heavy equipment from this date forward. (Mateer/Marocco with Kirkpatrick abstaining).

A motion was made and approved to reimburse Mark Kirkpatrick for the \$3000 tractor bucket and for the tires recently purchased for trail use upon receipt of invoices. (Mateer/Marocco with Kirkpatrick abstaining).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: Sept. 10, 2015