

# Redbank Valley Trails Association

## Meeting Minutes –Sept. 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM with 13 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Patrick Conners Sr., Phil Hynes, Darla Kirkpatrick, Sandy Mateer, Bernie Marocco, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Dave and Pam Henderson, Terry Mateer, John Pozza and Tim Welsh. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat) were also present. Board members Chuck Marsh and Ty Poster were absent.

1. **Goals and objectives** were read by President Darla Kirkpatrick.
2. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** The meeting minutes for the Board meeting of August 3, 2015, were approved as written. (Shirey/Conners)
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer's reports for July and August were reviewed. A motion was made and approved to accept the treasurer's reports and file them for audit. (Hynes/Marocco). A motion was made and approved to pay \$654.02 for 18 tons of 2B limestone and the \$175.00 DEP permit fee out of the WPC grant for the Moore Road kayak launch project and to pay \$8,934.73 to Perry Trucking for stone and trucking of donated crushed limestone to Brookville's Depot Street. (Conners/Marocco). A motion was made and approved to use all of the \$4,175 in the reserve funds for Depot St. with the balance of \$4,759.73 to be taken out of the crushed limestone fund pending fundraising. (Shirey/Conners) It was noted that the value of work and materials on the spur was \$12,925.39, not including donated equipment and labor.
4. **Public Comments.** It was noted 5 cars were parked at Depot St. within 2 hours of removing no parking signs and that many are using the Depot St. Spur. One reported a comment from a trail user that the trail and spur were the best thing ever to happen to Baxter and that she could now ride to Brookville for groceries. A night ride fundraiser for Halloween was suggested. Posting mile markers across from metal signs was discussed.
5. **Volunteer Hours.** No report.
6. **Grant Updates; 2015 Projects**
  - a. **Climax Tunnel:** The SW portal buttress engineering proposal was pending AVLTT review and approval.
  - b. **Moore Rd. Kayak Launch.** Bernie Marocco reported progress with some clearing, permit awarded and notification letters sent to municipalities. Large stones are needed near creek.
  - c. **Website Revision** – In progress.
  - d. It was noted that the **Peoples for Bikes** grant application was rejected for both Depot St. and miles 1 to 6.
  - e. **PA Wilds Mini Grant** was filed on August 31<sup>st</sup> with announcement due on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. It was noted that a **North Central Mini Grant** opportunity should be announced soon.
7. **Non-grant updates; 2015 Projects**
  - a. HRRMA Sewage Line Project – Restoration status was discussed: Mayport not yet completed and no erosion controls still at Fishbasket.
  - b. Depot St. Spur - A grand opening celebration was discussed with no date set pending parking area improvements by Borough.
  - c. DEP Well Plugging; Madison Twp. –no new action.
  - d. Brookville H S Art Bear Installation - Pending.
  - e. Work day for soccer port-o-join/trail connection to be set after course is planned in conjunction with signage.
  - f. Budget for trail improvement from St. Charles to the Allegheny River – Darla reported that Mile 1 to Long Point Tunnel was graded and rolled with plans to finish grading and rolling to St. Charles, 15 cross drains installed/repaired and crushed limestone to be delivered.
  - g. Mile post marker painting was discussed with decision to keep as original with black background and white numbering. Remedies for deteriorated stone markers are to be investigated.

**8. Events & Promotion**

- a. Peanut Butter Festival, New Bethlehem Sept. 18-20 - Tent sign-up and parade discussed.
- b. Greenways Conference Warren PA Sept. 20-22 was discussed with Mateers to attend full conference and Bernie Marocco on Monday.
- c. Brookville YMCA color run on October 31 – previously approved. John Pozza spoke with YMCA re: Brookville Borough partnering with YMCA to use as a fundraiser for spur.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Tractor and tool storage update was discussed with no solution found yet.
- b. Soccer Association agreement was presented to Soccer Association for review.

**10. New Business**

- a. Clint Stout timbering and Stout and Rutkowski crossing agreements are pending.
- b. EPTA – A motion was made and approved to appoint Darla Kirkpatrick as RVTA’s alternate representative to EPTA for another 3 year term. (Mateer/Shirey).
- c. No motor vehicle signs – A motion was made and approved to purchase 200 at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. (Mateer/Hynes)
- d. Bernie suggested “You are here” signs be posted at parking areas not already identified.
- e. The Bruce Sykes art installation at Moore Road was discussed with no action taken.
- f. John Pozza will host meetings at Brookville Presbyterian in 2016. The Hendersons were thanked for their dedicated service.

The meeting then moved by motion to **executive session** at 8:45 PM. (Mateer/Marocco)

**Conveyance.** Current status was discussed with no action taken.

**NE Energy Agreement** status was discussed with no action taken.

**Property purchase.** A motion was made and approved to offer not more than \$200 for a parcel at an upcoming sale. (Mateer/Hynes).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 5, 2015