

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 19 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Patrick Conners, Sr., Phil Hynes, Darla Kirkpatrick, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Ryan George, Pam and Dave Henderson, Sandy Marsh, Terry Mateer and John Pozza. Ty Poster were absent and excused. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), Robert and Charlotte Carnes, Doug and Dottie Himes were also in attendance.

1. **Goals and objectives** were read by Bob Moss.

2. **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Board and annual meeting of May 2, 2016 were approved as written. (Hynes/Conners)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** No report, will be forwarded. Accounts payable of \$665 for reimbursement to Mateer for 20 locks and keys purchased from Nathaniel Lock and Key in Ford City and \$115 to Williams Sanitation were approved. (Conners/Marocco)

4. **Public Comments.** The Carnes commented on the Brookville Spur and recent volunteer work, S. Mateer and Kirkpatrick on low water kayak rescues, Middle run ramps concerns, T. Mateer on knotweed efforts and T. Mateer and Doug Himes on ATV violators.

4. **Volunteer Hours.** Members and volunteers were asked to report hours on paper or via website.

5. **Grant Updates**

- a. Climax Tunnel: SW buttress completed, TAP funded work is to be let on August 25.
- b. Moore Rd. Kayak Launch. Bernie Marocco will check on status of sign.
- c. Phil reported on Brookville spur and trailhead parking improvements.
- d. Penn Vest grant work at Fishbasket and St. Charles is to begin in August, weather permitting.
- e. A grant of \$15,500 was received from the Trail Volunteer Fund for crushed limestone for miles 6 to 11.4. Darla reported that work is to start this week and that Mike Shick will allow a turnaround on his property. Darla also reported Rimersburg Fire Department's request for turnarounds following a recent nighttime rescue. Location identification of turnarounds was discussed.

6. **Non-grant updates;** 2016 Projects-To Do List. The following projects were discussed:

- a. **HRRMA Sewage Line Project** – Galen filed complaints on 2 unfinished items.
- b. **Soccer Field Port-o-John.** A motion was made and approved to switch the port o john at Summerville to an handicapped accessible model at a cost of \$95/month for 2 cleanings in hot weather and \$80 for one cleaning/month. (Kirkpatrick/Marocco). Action was deferred on the Hawthorn port o john pending further information.
- c. **Middle Run to Fairmount City and AMD issue.** Nothing new to report.
- d. **Sligo Spur** improvements are to be done in August.
- e. **Mile and historic markers, benches, signs** - workdays to be set
- f. **Vegetation Management** – spraying was discussed. Mateer to contact company.
- g. **Climax Detour** - A motion was made and approved with one no vote to replace the ties at the drainage ditch with a pipe and cover it. (Shirey/Marsh)
- h. **Mowing volunteers** – The need was noted and some volunteers were named, including Bob Brinker and Doug Himes.
- i. **Sherry Crossing Agreement** – No reply as of yet since beginning of May.
- j. Key Holder List was updated.

7. **Events & Promotion** Fundraiser and Event Scheduling

- a. Sandy reported on 30 hours contributed by the Redbank Valley Community Center youth corps who worked on knotweed and brush. Work days will be scheduled regularly in winter.

- b. August 13th Brookville Spur dedication plans were announced.
- c. Peanut Butter tent sign up was circulated for Sept. 16-18, 2016 and parade at 3 on the 17th.
- d. East Brady Riverfest Parade was announced and participants invited.
- e. Ride from Brookville to Ford City was announced for Sunday July 17th at 8 AM.

8. Old Business/To Do List

a. Thank you from Tyler Ortz was acknowledged. b. Crossing Agreements, Logo Use Policy, Adopt the Trail Program – no report. c. Bernie reported the Maintenance Manual was 85% complete as a working document. d. Soccer association agreement was finalized.

9. New Business - Pam Henderson volunteered to make sure Chamber gift basket for Sen. Toomey visit included trail map. Darla Kirkpatrick was presented with the Jefferson Award medal and brochure, which she asked be put on display. A suggestion and options were discussed to work on removal of trees growing in bridge supports and stone arches.

10. Executive Session – A motion was made and approved to move to executive session. (Shirey/Hynes)

- a. Camera installations to catch trespassers and vandals was discussed.
- b. The Board agreed that the HRRMA should reimburse AVL T and the RVTA pipe and power account for the attorney's fees incurred by AVL T to have the condemnation action dismissed that was filed in lieu of HRRMA contacting us to get an easement.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. (Hynes/Marocco)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

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