

Redbank Valley Trails Association Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with 8 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Pat Conners, Sr., Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Robert Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat) was also present. Board members Chuck Marsh, Phil Hynes and Ty Poster were absent and excused.

1. Goal & Objectives were read by Bob Moss.
2. The meeting minutes for the Board meeting of December 9, 2016, were approved as written. (Shirey/Conners)
3. Treasurer's Report - no report available given the date
 - a. Accounts Payable - \$100 donations to the 2 churches for meeting space were approved. (Moss/Marocco) Chamber dues \$50 at Brookville and \$50 at Redbank Valley were approved. (Moss/Shirey)
 - b. Reimbursement of Gary Kirkpatrick of expenses for expendable tools, chainsaw chains, etc. in the amount of \$111.83 was approved for work on Sligo Spur. (Moss/Marocco)
 - c. Challenge Grant proceeds and allocations were reported and approved with \$635-memberships to the General Fund less \$82.28 in PayPal fees, \$500 - Depot St. Maintenance, \$1025 Linda King Memorial, \$500-2 single benches, \$2500 for tables and benches to the Doverspike fund with number, location and naming to be turned in later, and balance of \$8,259 to the crushed limestone fund for a total of \$13,226.72 to date. (Shirey/Marocco)
4. Public Comments – Gary Kirkpatrick requested approval for purchase of material for pipes for drainage, stone and bridge wood deck supports on the lower part of the Sligo Spur. A motion was made, amended and approved to authorize up to \$2500 in expenditures for the purchases. (Conners/Marocco)
5. Grant Updates
 - a. Climax Tunnel - TAP status was discussed. Galen and Sandy will attend the pre-construction meeting 1:30 PM at Penn Dot Offices in Indiana on January 19th.
 - b. NWC Grant Sligo Spur Improvements – A separate AVLTL account will be set up for receipt and payment of grant funds. A motion was made and approved to approve Ty Poster and Sandy Mateer as signatories along with 2 AVLTL representatives, each check requiring 2 signatures.
 - c. Galen, Bernie, Sandy and Terry met with Clarion Conservation District representatives on Dec. 29th to prepare a Growing Greener grant application due 1-13-17 for drainage work between Liberty St. and the Bostonia Spur. A letter of support was approved. (Shirey/Marocco)
 - d. It was agreed to forego the RTC/Doppelt grant due 1-31-17 as we received an award in 2015 and categories had changed.
 - e. A motion was made and approved to file a TVF grant for the decking and railing materials for 2 bridges on the lower part of the Sligo Spur.
6. Non-grant updates; 2017 Projects
 - a. Brady's Bend closure – A motion was made and approved to ratify the agreement to purchase crushed limestone. (Shirey/Moss)

b. Sandy reported that the Middle Run to Fairmount City DEP improvements for AMD remediation was approved by AVLTT and should proceed in 2017.

e. HRRMA Sewage Line Project – Galen will clean out silt left by contractors in storm drains.

f. Sligo Spur improvements - Union H. S. Outdoor Club contributed 30 hours to date.

g. A report was provided on the trespass violation in Hawthorn, gate vandalism and theft of \$600 worth of cameras at Lawsonham. Each situation will be monitored for further violations.

h. Summerville drainage problem at west side of State Street –no report.

i. The Columbia Gas License Agreement for the Lawsonham crossing was approved. (Shirey/Moss)

8. Events & Promotion_–

a. Annual fundraiser committee report was provided. It was suggested that an event be held on National Trails Day June 3rd. No action was taken.

b. Shelter costs – the type of shelter was discussed with further research to be done.

c. It was noted that Brookville Area Chamber provides an opportunity to advertise with a power point presentation and a window decoration 2’ x 10’ for 1 month. No action was taken.

9. Old Business/To Do List

a. Maintenance Manual – Bernie presented corrections to the draft for review.

10. New Business_–

a. Proposed grant and other projects for 2017 and equipment needs are to be considered.

b. A motion was made and approved to change the signatories on bank accounts to include Bernie, Galen, Sandy and Ty. (Connors/Moss)

11. Executive Session – Available dates for the requested meeting with DCNR re: trail conveyance to RVTA were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 6, 2017