

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2017

The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 12 in attendance at Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Chuck Marsh, Bob Moss and Galen Shirey. Pat Conners, Ty Poster and David Smail were absent and excused. RVTA member in attendance was Sandy Marsh. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), Robert Carnes, B. Mantzell and Bill Haugh were also in attendance.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of June 5, 2017, were approved as written (Hynes/Moss).

3. **Treasurer's Report** – A summary was presented of the report previously sent by email. Bills to be paid included the portojohn bills for Bill's at Lawsonham \$125 and Williams at Summerville \$95, and a tractor repair and maintenance to Hetrick's Farm Supply of \$133.87. Some repairs were made under warranty. (It was noted that the 5-year warranty on the tractor will expire on December 26, 2017.) A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit and approve the bills. (Marsh/Shirey).

After discussion, a motion was approved to adopt the Reserve Fund and Long Term Maintenance Fund Resolution. (Hynes/Moss)

It was noted that the preparation of the tax forms and BCO-10 should be concluded soon.

4. **Public Comments** – Discussion included some drainage and other concerns near the intersection of Bauer, Yount and the trail in Summerville.

5. **Volunteer Hours** - **PLEASE** report on website, by paper or email. It was noted that volunteer Earl Troupe assisted Galen with bench installation.

6. **Grant Updates**

a. Climax Tunnel - TAP work on the portal liners was noted as concluded successfully and under budget by Francis J. Palo Company. Phase 4 Guniting/shotcrete bids were requested and due to be received on July 27, 2017.

b. 2 bridges on the S. Sligo Spur are to be done under The Pittsburgh Foundation Trail Volunteer Fund grant for bridge materials

7. Non-grant updates; 2017 Projects - To Do List

a. Goals – a proposal dated July 4, 2017 for fundraising and maintenance goals was discussed, amended and approved in general by consensus. It added an effort to obtain donations from local users with signs at portojohns, at gates and trailheads and sale of shirts and promotional items.

b. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD issue – contacting DEP for status

c. HRRMA Water Line Project – restoration is still to be done

d. Brookville Municipal Authority - Sewage line work under Spur and at Maple St. No problems were noted.

e. Summerville: drainage problem at west side of State Street and next intersection east will be investigated further by Bernie and others.

f. Property corners at Rose Siding area – on hold until leaves are down.

g. Memorial Bench and shelter installations - Galen reported we are up to date with benches. Shelters are being installed at mile 15 & 30 under the Ray Doverspike Memorial Amenity Fund.

8. Events & Promotion–

a. Town and Trail Regional Initiative report – Sandy Mateer reported on the Initiative and mini-grant projects that were underway in Brookville, New Bethlehem and East Brady.

b. ABC Kaleidoscope – Mateer had been interviewed for the trail.

c. Trail user comments – It was noted that we had received many positive comments by trail users but also that cell towers are needed for better service.

9. Old Business/To Do List

- a. Historic Markers and bridge markers- 2 to install near St. Charles, volunteers needed.
- b. Linda King Memorial Picnic Shelter has been completed & memorial sign installed.
- c. Drainage – a volunteer with proper equipment has offered help for pipe near mile 3.
- d. Vegetation spraying – It was agreed to defer regular spraying but to arrange for spraying knotweed.
- e. Heathville-Ritzman Walls Timbering Access Agreement had been sent for signature.
- f. Oliver -Walls Timbering Access Agreement had been executed.
- g. Work days –some limbing for crushed limestone application is needed for Liberty St. past first stone arch to Bostonia bridge.

10. New Business

- a. D&O Insurance with the same agent, lower premium and better coverage had been found and offered.
- b. Chuck Marsh will talk with Troy Heeter about creating concrete mile markers like old railroad mile markers out of left over concrete. At least 15 are needed.
- c. A motion was approved to provide a double bench for hard-working volunteer Mike Reed at a place of his choosing with wording of his choice on the memorial sign.

11. Executive Session –

- a. Conveyance – Peer to Peer status and site meeting for division were discussed.
- b. Cameras will be placed to deter vandalism and will be moved periodically.
- c. NWC Grant Sligo Spur Improvements –after discussion, the request for bid was approved by motion. (Shirey/Marsh)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: September 11, 2017