

# **Redbank Valley Trails Association**

## **Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM with 11 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and David Smail. Phil Hynes and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Pat Connors was absent. RVTA members in attendance were Terry Mateer, Darla and Mark Kirkpatrick, with their granddaughter. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat) was also in attendance.

1. The Goal and Objectives were read by Bob Moss.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of May 1, 2017, were approved as written (Smail /Marocco). No changes were reported as needed for the May 1, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes which will be submitted for approval to the membership at the 2018 annual meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Report was previously sent by email. A summary was presented. A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit and approve payment of the EPTA membership fee of \$100 and \$610 to KTH for gravel at the King Shelter. (Moss/Marsh).
4. **Public Comments** –Darla reported on the condition of the Summerville portojohn, trash being dumped and grass clippings being dumped along the trail in Summerville, the pipe at Bauer Road, and crushed limestone needed near Heathville and Patton Station. (Mateer will contact Summerville Borough and RVTA will contact portojohn company). The Ray Doverspike Memorial Fund and future projects to be paid out of that fund, the definition of “amenity” and the memorial plaque for Ray’s Memorial were discussed with no decisions reached. Potential locations for shelters were to be marked and reviewed. Darla confirmed she only wanted her father’s name on the Darl Kennemuth bridge and the Kirkpatrick’s confirmed they will provide 5 years of maintenance on the toilet.
5. **Hours.** Volunteers were again encouraged to report their hours. Darla was asked to submit the hours she spent working on the trail, especially those hours spent between Mile 15 and 17 for DCNR grant purposes.
6. **Grant Updates**
  - a. Climax Tunnel –Mateer reported that Palo completed work on the tunnel liner including some ditching for water drainage. The final inspection with Penn Dot is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting for Phase 4 guniting plans to be approved by PUC and the railroad. It was noted that an extension of the tunnel was discussed on the east side due to rock slide danger.
  - b. NWC Sligo Spur Grant – Status, next steps including grading and drainage pipe installations were discussed for incorporation in an RFP. It was noted that an extension past July had been received for the crushed limestone being stored in the Brady’s Bend mine.
  - c. The Pittsburgh Foundation Trail Volunteer Fund Grant - decking and railing of the two trestles on the lower spur will commence pending weather and volunteer availability.
  - d. Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund grant application for crushed limestone on lower spur was not awarded due to over 200 applications and limited funds.
7. **Non-grant updates; 2017 Projects**
  - a. Middle Run to Fairmount City. DEP improvements are to be done in 2017-19. Work to improve that quarter mile section of trail is on hold until that work is done. No further report.
  - b. HRRMA Water Line Work–Restoration work is yet to be done. Mateer will contact Bison regarding smoothing bumpy trail where work was done.
  - c. Brookville Municipal Authority – Work is ongoing with no impact on Spur to date.
  - d. Missing property corners at Rose Siding area will be investigated by Bernie and Galen in fall when there is less vegetation.

**8. Events & Promotion–**

a. Mateer reported that the Redbank Valley Day of Giving on May 9<sup>th</sup> was successful but that additional fundraising is needed.

b. Ohl Methodist Church event application for Fall event has not yet been received.

c. Mateer reported on the Town and Trail Regional Coalition meeting in New Bethlehem on May 22, 2017. Smail reported on the proposed Brookville project for signage at White Street and Mateer on the New Bethlehem project for a promotional film.

**9. Old Business/To Do List -**

a. A motion was made and approved to adopt the Maintenance Guide and to have 20 copies printed and bound for under \$100.00. (Marsh/Marocco)

b. Historic and bridge markers - There was discussion as to which type of memorial bridge marker the Board wished to use. By general consensus the decision was to use the frameless single post marker like the historic markers as opposed to the aluminum marker like the Trail of the Year marker at Wood St. in New Bethlehem.

c. Linda King Memorial Picnic Shelter – Darla Kirkpatrick will contact Bill about adjusting height of benches in relation to table.

d. Drainage needs after recent storms were discussed.

e. Ditch Cleaner – Concerns about the efficacy of the previously approved machine were discussed. Galen will talk with local contractor re: culvert cleaning.

**10. New Business –** None noted. The Board moved to executive session at 8:35 PM.

**11. Executive Session –**

a. Conveyance – The proposed property line was approved by consensus with conditions regarding a long term lease for access over the remaining AVLTL owned property to the intersection with the Armstrong Trail, with no responsibility for rent or taxes, providing for shared maintenance and signage to the trails' intersection.

b. Heathville-Ritzman Walls Logging Access Agreement – It was agreed by consensus to allow the crossing near the bridge at mile 30.76 as previously approved and discussed with a changed work period from Sept. 2017 to May 2018. Access over the .6 mile of trail to the next road crossing was no longer requested nor approved.

c. Oliver-Walls Timbering Access Agreement had been executed, bond received and project is now underway.

d. Cameras are to be relocated.

e. Property Owner concern reported by phone to Mateer near Huey Road and Paul's Lane was discussed.

f. Reimbursement of gasoline expenses for two named volunteers in the amount of \$100 each was approved.

g. Mateer reported on a conversation with Penn Dot on 6-2-17 regarding their intended changes to the Fishbasket crossing markings.

h. It was agreed by consensus that a resolution to detail the conditions of the Ray Doverspike Memorial Fund for amenities and to create a new amenity fund will be drafted for the Board's review at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 10, 2017