

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Board Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2017

The board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 8 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss and Galen Shirey. Pat Conners, Chuck Marsh, Ty Poster and David Smail were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), was also in attendance.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of Sept. 11, 2017, were approved as written (Hynes/Shirey).
3. **Treasurer's Report.** A summary was presented of the report previously sent by email. A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit and approve the bills including \$629.91 for Vegetation Managers for Knotweed with another \$52.49 to be taken out of the Brookville Depot Street Spur maintenance account. (Shirey/Hynes). It was noted that the budget would be reviewed next month and that any requests should be submitted. The December fundraising challenge was approved by consensus.
4. **Public Comments.** None were presented.
5. **Volunteer Hours.** Volunteers were again asked to report on website, by paper or email.
6. **New Business** - Approval was given for the YMCA/Create Walk/Run event on Oct. 28th. Gary Kirkpatrick presented a list of requests and concerns.

a. The Board approved up to a \$300 payment to Bill Kirkpatrick for cleaning out the silt in front of the culvert on the hill side of the mile 3 culvert based on Gary's estimate of time required. (Marocco/Shirey)

b. A motion was made to approve up to \$375 for Gary to rent, transport equipment and clean out the mile 3 culvert pipe. (Hynes/Shirey)

c. The Board did not approve and Gary was told not to remove the fallen tree at mile 2.5 on AVLT property pending Board review and consultation with AVLT.

d. An offer to install run markers at all small streams was deferred pending consultation with the Boy Scouts as it was being considered for a possible Eagle Scout project.

e. After discussion, the Board directed that there be no further work on any horse trail along the trail until the Board had an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed locations on site. (Marocco/Hynes)

f. A requested fundraiser using school buses or vans to take disabled or elderly people on trail tours was denied as in violation of the RVTA Other Power Driven Mobility Device policy.

g. Gary requested approval to install a picnic shelter at no cost to RVTA at mile 1.1. A motion was made to approve the shelter similar to others subject to AVLT approval. (Shirey/Marocco). Installation of an outhouse was not approved at this time.

h. A fundraising event on Nov. 3 at the Long Point tunnel was approved with expenses to come out of proceeds and proceeds to benefit the trail maintenance fund. (Hynes/Shirey)

7. Grant Updates

a. Climax Tunnel - Francis J. Palo Company projected completion in late Oct./early November.

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

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

- a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD issue – J. Snyder was awarded DEP contract and should begin work in November. It was agreed that Galen’s donation will be designated to the December challenge and for work on the Middle Run ramps.
- b. HRRMA Water Line Project – restoration is in progress by Bison Contracting after a meeting with Board representatives for work on the trail in Hawthorn.
- c. Mateer reported on the Greenways Conference held in Reading, PA.
- d. Penn Dot SR 861 Olean Trail drainage overflow to trail was discussed at Mateer’s meeting with Penn Dot.
- e. There was no update on the status of ties from Rail 66.
- f. The PA Wilds Loop meeting for October 25th in Brockway was announced. Board members were urged to attend.

9. Events & Promotion

- a. Town and Trail Regional Initiative report – Sandy Mateer reported on the Initiative and mini-grant projects that were underway in New Bethlehem and East Brady.
- b. Mateer reported on the Peanut Butter Festival, comments and contributions received and shirt and decal sales.
- c. Upcoming events on Oct. 8 (BACC) & Oct. 14th (Pozza) in Brookville were announced.

10. Old Business/To Do List. The following motions were made and approved:

- a. Vegetation spraying –It was agreed that trees in trestles and pre-emergent spraying will be considered in Spring. A motion was made and approved to purchase additional warning signs. (Shirey/Marocco).
- b. Heathville-Ritzman Walls Timbering Access Agreement- Ritzman had signed, Wall was still working at Oliver property near Wildcat along Sligo Spur.
- c. Work days of the 2nd Saturday each month, or 3rd, if bad weather were set.
- d. Sculpture Installations are to be done at Hawthorn turntable & mile 16 with volunteer help. A motion was made and approved to use any money left after completion in the Mayport parking fund for improvement of the Hawthorn turntable. (Hynes/Shirey)

11. Executive Session –

- a. Conveyance – Study status was discussed including approval of Barney Scholl to do study as requested by DCNR. (Hynes/Marocco)
- b. Cameras will be placed by Galen and Mike Reed to deter vandalism and will be moved periodically.
- c. NWC Grant Sligo Spur Improvements were discussed and modifications of contract to be entered with Terry Rapp of TR Excavating were approved including completion date of May 1, 2018, removal of stone from Brady’s Bend on 60 days’ notice, bond costs, no headwalls and Galen as field representative. (Shirey/Hynes with no objections).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: November 6, 2017