

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2017

The board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 15 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 members in attendance were Dan Bowser, Colleen Cooney, Pam and Dave Henderson, Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Laura Lynn Yohe (reporting for Jeffersonian Democrat), Robert Carnes and Peggy Ohl were also in attendance.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of July 10, 2017, were approved as written (Hynes/Marocco).
3. **Treasurer's Report.** A summary was presented of the report previously sent by email. Bills to be paid included reimbursement to Mike Reed for chainsaw supplies of \$41.16, \$44.82 to Sandy Mateer for back up flash drives for secretary/treasurer's records and \$300 from AVLTL for partial reimbursement of Greenways Conference attendance costs of over \$800. A motion was made and approved to accept the report for audit and approve the bills. (Marsh/Moss). It was noted that 990 tax returns and BCO-10 had been filed.
4. **Public Comments.** Dan Bowser, Colleen Cooney and Peggy Ohl presented information on the Summerville Story Project. A motion was made and approved to allow installation of a storybook marker similar to the existing Brookville markers along the trail near the existing marker at the Summerville Trail Head. (Moss/Marocco). Dan Bowser volunteered to help push away any more dead deer along the trail near Summerville and noted interest in the Towns and Trails Initiative.
5. **Volunteer Hours.** Volunteers were again asked to report on website, by paper or email.
6. **Grant Updates**
 - a. Climax Tunnel - Francis J. Palo Company began Phase 4 Guniting on Sept. 18, 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. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD issue – J. Snyder was awarded DEP contract and should begin work in November. It was agreed by consensus for Galen to try to grade the ramps with the tractor to reduce slope.
 - c. HRRMA Water Line Project – restoration is in progress by Bison Contracting.
 - d. Brookville Municipal Authority - Sewage line work under Spur and at Maple St. had been completed with no problems noted.
8. **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. Peanut Butter Festival tent sign up was distributed.
9. **Old Business/To Do List. The following motions were made and approved:**
 - a. Revised Maintenance and Funding Resolution (Hynes/Moss).
 - b. Divide \$2000 donation ½ each to promotion & ongoing maintenance (Moss/Marocco).
 - c. Purchasing 75 shirts for sale at PBF, other events and online and other promotional items not to exceed total of \$1800 (Hynes/Marocco).
 - d. Colby George's Eagle Scout project to build a shelter near Rattlesnake Run (Moss/Marocco).
 - e. Ratify extension of bids, re-advertisement and Special Meeting on August 21 at 5 PM at NB Church for bid review on Sligo work (Moss/Hynes).

- f. Naming rights for shelters at mile 15 will be offered for a donation of \$7500 (Moss/Marocco).
- g. Regularly scheduled work days will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting in November with a rain/snow date of the 3rd Saturday and including the Brookville work group (Hynes/Moss).
- h. It was noted we agreed to investigate obtaining ties from Rail 66 for headwall replacement.
- i. Historic Markers and bridge markers- 2 historic markers were installed at St. Charles, Summerville's old railroad station was suggested as another possible site.
- j. Vegetation spraying – Knotweed spraying was approved within the budgeted allocation by consensus to include 5' either side of trail. A cost to address trees in trestles will be requested.
- k. Heathville-Ritzman Walls Timbering Access Agreement- Ritzman had signed, Wall still working at Oliver property near Wildcat along Sligo Spur.
- l. Sculpture Installations are to be done at Hawthorn turntable & mile 16 with volunteer help.
- i. Bench relocation at mile 33 is to be completed soon pending coordination with donor.

10. New Business

- a. Approved Gary Kirkpatrick's requested reimbursement of \$67 in fuel (Moss/Marocco).
- b. A motion was made to approve reimbursement to Bill Kirkpatrick out of the Doverspike Memorial Amenity Fund for a bike fix-it-station to be installed at the Doverspike Memorial in the amount of \$1,376.27 subject to Darla Kirkpatrick's approval (Shirey/Moss). The balance in that fund is to be reserved for a Ray Doverspike memorial marker like the other historic markers.
- c. It was agreed that if requested the movable bench at the Rachel Carson bridge could be relocated to allow a memorial bench to be placed there.
- d. Gary Kirkpatrick noted that the stop sign and post at Heathville on South side had been stolen.

11. Executive Session

- a. Conveyance – Peer to Peer study status was discussed including approval of Barney Scholl to do study as requested by DCNR.
- 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 including tailgating instead of using a paver and relocating mud within corridor to save costs. Galen will discuss possible options with contractors. A spending limit was set using additional RVTA funds (Hynes/Moss).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 2, 2017