

Redbank Valley Trails Association

Board Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2018

Following an executive session at 6:00 PM, the board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 14 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Pat Conners, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer and Galen Shirey. Ty Poster and Bob Moss were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Darla, Mark and Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer and Mike Reed. Ron Steffey, and guests Arthur McKinley and Daniel Moore were also in attendance.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Phil Hynes.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of November 6, 2017, were approved as written (Hynes/Conners). (There were no meetings in December or January).
3. **Treasurer's Report.** A summary of the report was presented as previously sent by email. Accounts payable included \$100 to EPTA for the annual membership. Mateer presented the report on the December fundraising challenge. Annual membership fees were collected. A motion was made and approved to pay the bills and accept the report for audit. (Shirey/Conners).
4. **Public Comments.** Darla and Mark Kirkpatrick discussed their access and use request which the Board took under advisement for further discussion. Ron Steffey commented on information needed for the DCNR grant, paving inside the tunnel and benches and picnic tables to be placed inside. Arthur McKinley and Dan Moore presented a Power Point presentation on the proposed Brookville Riverwalk project and entertained questions.
5. **Volunteer Hours.** Volunteers were again asked to report hours on website, by paper or email. A new form was handed out and a form was circulated to document hours for the month.
6. **New Business** - The calendar for the year will follow the same odd/even schedule with the Sept. meeting on Sept. 3rd. April 21st was set as the Spring clean up day.
7. **Grant Updates**
 - a. Climax Tunnel - S. Mateer provided an update on the completed guniting work and additional DCNR grant work to be done.
 - b. Work to be done on the 2 bridges on the S. Sligo Spur was discussed, including inviting Knox/Kane trail volunteers. DEP has requested an event to celebrate completion of grant work.
 - c. Mateer reported that a Doppelt fund grant application had been filed. It was noted that Clarion County Tourism grants now may include some capital projects.
8. **Non-grant updates; 2018 Projects - To Do List**
 - a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD issue – J. Snyder began work which was well underway with a hoped for Spring completion date.
 - b. HRRMA Water Line Project – No report.
 - c. Galen will follow up on obtaining ties from Rail 66. It was reported that the ties were now available. A contractor with a log truck was suggested.
 - d. No report was provided on the Brookville Eagle Scout project.

9. Events & Promotion

- a. Town and Trail Regional Initiative report – Sandy Mateer reported on the initiative and mini-grant projects that were underway. Kiosks at Lawsonham and SR 861 were discussed.
- b. Mateer reported on the May 10, 2018 Redbank Valley Day of Giving and the Bridge Builders week of giving.
- c. It was noted that Clarion Rotary has requested a presentation on March 12th.
- d. It was reported that the proposed date for the tunnel grand re-opening/dedication event to be held in conjunction with PEC is tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2018.

10. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. The Oliver Walls logging was discussed.

11. Executive Session Action.

- a. The status of the conveyance study was discussed.
- b. The Kirkpatrick request for access and conditions were discussed with no action taken pending drafting of a formal agreement.
- c. Heathville parking area – By consensus, when the parking area is properly graded and filled and Galen or Bernie approve, a couple loads of 2A stone can be ordered with payment to come out of the Moonlight Walkabout Trail Beautification fund.
- d. A request by a member of the public to salvage some metal found along the trail was denied.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM followed by a brief executive session which adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: