

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 6, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with 8 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Chuck Marsh and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Pam and Dave Henderson and Terry Mateer. Pat Conners, Bob Moss, Dave Smail and Ty Poster were absent.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Phil Hynes.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of July 2, 2018, were approved as written. (Shirey/Marocco)
3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was provided by email and summarized. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report and to authorize paying the Tractor repair of \$541 and the \$1500 bill for design fees for the historic and bridge markers to Tim Dixon. (Shirey/Hynes).
4. **Public Comments.** It was reported that there may be a furnace location $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on Spur from Lawsonham which may be a good location for an historic marker.
5. **Volunteer Hours.** Volunteers were again asked to report hours on website, by paper or email. A form was circulated to document hours for the month.
6. **Grant Updates**
 - a. Climax Tunnel – Update was provided by Sandy with a work day set for Thursday, the 9th in preparation for the celebration on the 18th.
 - b. Trail Volunteer Grant – Work remaining due under the grant is the approach on the Cherry Run bridge which is to be done after NW grant work is completed.
 - c. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Contractor is making good progress with a completion date of October 31st.
 - d. Armstrong Co. Community Foundation grant was submitted to assist with signage costs with Oct. 2nd announcement of awards.
7. **Non-grant updates; 2018 Projects - To Do List**
 - a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD work. Galen and Sandy met on July 27th with J. Snyder, DEP and Donna Oberlander. Concerns were resolved, pipe was filmed and reported in good condition. Trail will be opened after grass takes root and culvert is lined with rocks. A copy of the film will be requested.
 - b. Lower Sligo Spur Improvements – 2 to 3 drainage culverts need to be added and grading remains to be done. Galen has been working on it with tractor and will discuss with Rapp.
 - c. Middle Run ramp repair – Galen will contact area contractors for suggestions and bids.
 - d. A priority list for resurfacing was discussed. The tentative list is New Bethlehem between gate and Bostonia spur, Heathville between bridges, below Bauer Road near Hendersons' to State Street, Mayport and Depot Street, with greater specificity to be determined.
 - e. 2 more trail counters are to be obtained via IHTC and RTC.
8. **Events & Promotion**
 - a. Brookville work day. Scheduled for 2nd Saturday with focus on Miles 32-33 to before the small Heathville bridge.
 - b. Sligo Spur work day – to be determined. It was noted that a large tree had fallen at the Lawsonham/spur intersection.
 - c. Climax Tunnel celebration will be held August 18th at 10:30 AM. Festivities were reviewed: Tim Welsh will lead a ride from Depot St. Spur trailhead starting at 8 am, Dave Henderson will lead a group from Summerville at 8 AM and groups may be organized for a walk and/or ride from New Bethlehem to arrive at the tunnel at 10:30. Mateer, Pam Henderson and Phil Hynes volunteered to help at the tunnel.

d. Mateer reported that the next meeting of the Towns & Trails Initiative will be held in Brookville on October 18th and reported on brochure and kiosk progress.

9. Old Business/To Do List.

a. Mateer reported that the Sligo and Rimersburg kiosks, 10 bridge markers and 4 historic markers are in progress, including the Puckerty Joe site, Brewery/Otto Milk/Peanut Butter plant, Oak Ridge turntable and Lower tile plant.

b. Colby George Eagle Scout Picnic Shelter was discussed. Colby did not attend the meeting for final approval.

c. Installation of stop and other traffic signs is to be completed by October 31st under PUC order on the main trail and Dec. 31st on spur.

d. Vegetation Managers work status and results were discussed.

e. It was agreed that the parking at Baxter needs to be expanded and the remaining bollard moved further back.

f. It was noted that there was no opposition to kayak launches in Brookville or Summerville.

10. New Business -

a. Bob Carnes' bench and a table memorial for Rick Stewart's grandparents was approved without objection. Sandy suggested that the benches attached to tables at Cool Spring Power Museum have a nice accessible design that we might wish to consider.

b. Sandy announced that a Preservation PA Community Initiative award had been given to RVTa and partners AVLt, Clarion County and DCNR for restoration work on the Climax Tunnel with an award ceremony to be held Sept. 27th in Harrisburg.

c. A motion was made with no objection to have memorial benches built for a fee by Ray Bish. (Hynes/Marocco).

d. A committee of Bernie, Sandy and Phil was appointed to work on business sponsorship signage and adopt a mile criteria.

e. It was noted that repairs were needed at Yount Road and near mile 35.

11. Executive Session Action.

a. Conveyance status was discussed with all requested information provided to consultant and concerns raised about transfer tax and STB process findings.

b. Sligo Walker Farm Road proposed closure issue was discussed.

d. Sligo Spur/Rimersburg Borough and Municipal Authority access request and vegetation dump was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. (Hynes/Marocco).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 1, 2018