

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 7, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 8 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Ty Poster and Chuck Marsh were absent and excused. Pat Connors was absent.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.

2. Minutes. Minutes for the Board meeting of December 3, 2018, were approved as written. (Shirey/Hynes)

3. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was provided in advance by email. A motion was made to accept the report and file for audit. (Shirey/Hynes). The following actions were approved unanimously by motions made and seconded:

a. Donations of \$100 each were made to the New Bethlehem and Brookville Presbyterian churches for use of facilities for meetings. (Shirey/Marocco)

b. Reimbursement of \$239 to Gary Kirkpatrick was approved for fuel, parts and other expenses for trail maintenance. (Smail/Shirey)

c. \$150 was approved for purchase by Gary Kirkpatrick of posts for creek, run and stream markers to be carved and painted brown like the mile markers. (Shirey/Moss)

d. \$300 purchase of X large RVTA blue fundraising shirts was approved. (Shirey/Hynes)

e. Purchase of a picnic table and allocation of 2 benches for the turntable in honor of trail supporters was authorized. (Shirey/Moss)

4. Public Comments. Volunteers Gary, Mike, Galen and Terry were thanked for their efforts in removing the huge number of downed trees from the November ice storm. Terry thanked Galen and Larry Gourley for installing Hoot, the owl sculpture, at the turntable.

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. New Business. Calendar for 2019 will remain the same, with exception that September meeting will be on September 9th instead of on Labor Day.

7. Grant Updates

a. Trail Volunteer Grant – PUC signage and crushed limestone grant for the lower Sligo Spur was received.

b. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant status was reviewed with only accessible parking space and signage remaining to be done in Spring. TR Rapp was paid 90% of the contract price. The reimbursement request was filed and remains pending.

c. Grant opportunities – DCNR C2P2 was discussed with no application to be filed.

d. Eccles Foundation – Grant was filed on two days' notice for \$10,000 in equipment and improvements.

e. Doppelt Fund is due Jan. 31st. Authorization was given to file. Suggestions were a school project to plant lavender on mine tailings, improve trail and parking areas or purchase equipment.

f. Filing for the PEC nomination and award due on Feb. 8th was approved.

8. Non-grant updates; 2019 Projects - To Do List

a. Kayak launch and parking area in Brookville – Dave Smail reported that the \$4000 grant was awarded and that the site plan is to be provided to the Borough for approval.

b. Fairmount City DEP AMD work was noted as being completed and that our improvements can begin, to include some grading, compacting and application of crushed limestone. Middle Run ramp repair is to be discussed with contractors. Ramps are to be lowered and crushed limestone or other surfacing applied after a plan is approved and adjacent owner is notified.

c. A priority list for resurfacing was discussed. The tentative list is New Bethlehem between gate and Bostonia spur, Heathville between bridges, in Summerville below Bauer Road near

Hendersons' to State Street, Mayport and Depot Street, with greater specificity to be determined as funding permits.

d. Yount Road and State Street repairs need to be done.

e. Lower Sligo Spur Improvements – It was noted that 3 culverts had been installed between Lobaugh Hill and the main trail. A motion was approved to add an additional 3 to 5 culverts conditioned on whether Terry Rapp wants it done before or after grading at a cost of no more than \$200 each to be done either by Rapp or KTH. (Hynes/Marocco)

9. Events & Promotion

a. Mateer provided an update on the Towns and Trails Regional Initiative noting that all kiosks have been installed. The next phase will include TODS signage.

b. It was noted that the IHTC PA Wilds Loop Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8th in Clarion.

c. May 9, 2019 will be the Redbank Valley Day of Giving.

d. The need for a fundraising event was discussed.

10. Old Business/To Do List.

a. Wall Timbering bond release was discussed.

b. Work days will be 2nd Sat. of each month weather permitting or as otherwise needed. Time and place to be determined.

c. New historic markers were discussed and might include: Baxter, Hawthorn Grist mill, Sligo Spur and grist mill, Leatherwood Station and Olean/Broken Rock Indian trail.

11. Executive Session. Galen Shirey/S. Mateer moved to go to executive session. The Conveyance Study status was discussed with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. (Hynes/Moss).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 4, 2019