

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, July 2, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 10 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Chuck Marsh, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Sandy Marsh and Terry Mateer. Pat Conners was absent and Ty Poster was absent and excused. Volunteer Bob Carnes was also in attendance.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of June 4, 2018, were approved as written. (Hynes/Marsh)
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 (Shirey/Hynes). A motion was made and approved to authorize spraying and pay \$85.50 for spraying of the first mile of the Sligo Spur. (Shirey/Hynes). A motion was made to increase the traffic and stop sign and post purchase to comply with the PUC order to \$1750.00. (Hynes/Marsh). It was agreed to not take action on the tractor bill until a warranty decision was made.
4. **Public Comments.** Progress on the turntable was reported and the need for refreshing crushed limestone near Heathville and Brookville.
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 with Palo's anticipated completion by mid/late July.
 - b. Trail Volunteer Grant – The 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 has begun work and is making good progress with about 95% ready for crushed limestone between 861 and Huey.
 - 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 issue – J. Snyder work is underway. Trail remains closed in that area. A meeting was to be scheduled within the next week or so regarding our concerns.
 - b. Lower Sligo Spur Improvements – drainage culverts and grading remains to be done.
 - c. Middle Run ramp repair – Contractors will be contacted for suggestions.
 - 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.
8. **Events & Promotion**
 - a. Brookville work day. A motion was made and approved to authorize payment of \$15/hr. for "Orange Patrol" supervisor for trail work to be coordinated by Dave Smail. (Marocco/Moss)
 - b. Sligo Spur work day – to be scheduled using community service workers to extent possible.
 - c. The Jr. Achievement race was held on a very hot and humid June 30 in New Bethlehem. Appreciation was expressed for use of trail and work done to prepare for the race.
 - d. The Climax Tunnel celebration will be held on August 18th at 10:30 AM. Festivities were reviewed: It was agreed that Tim Welsh will lead a ride from the 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.

e. 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. It was noted 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. The cistern near the Stout property was suggested for the next round of markers.

c. Colby George Eagle Scout Picnic Shelter tree and location issues were resolved and other issues were discussed.

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

e. A sign maintenance agreement to be entered into with AVL T as required by PUC was approved. (Marsh/Marocco)

f. Vegetation Managers work status was discussed.

10. New Business -

a. Dave and Bernie reported on the kayak launch progress in Brookville (Highway Occupancy Permit obtained), Summerville and presented a proposal for Moore Road near the Rachel Carson Bridge.

b. Increasing number of web and email requests for information on kayaking was discussed. Sandy and Bernie will work on an information sheet to be included on the website.

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 8:15 PM. (Hynes/Marocco).

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: August 6, 2018