

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 5, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 12 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Chuck Marsh, Bob Moss and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Pam and Dave Henderson, Gary Kirkpatrick and Sandy Marsh. Pat Conners, Galen Shirey and Ty Poster were absent. Visitors included Robert Carnes and Michael Smith.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of October 1, 2018, were approved as written. (Hynes/Moss)

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 bills. (Marsh/Moss).

4. **Public Comments.** Concerns were related about a property near mile 34 and about unauthorized use of a motorized vehicle on the Sligo Spur. Mr. Carnes announced his retirement and much appreciation was expressed for all of his past work on the trail in the Brookville to Heathville area. He reported some planking on the Pozza/Puckerty Joe Bridge was in need of replacement along with some culverts near the new shelter near mile 37-38.

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. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant status was related with only the accessible parking space and signage remaining to be done in Spring.

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. A grant request to the Trail Volunteer fund for signage and crushed limestone for the lower spur was approved by consensus.

d. Approval by consensus was given to request a grant for 2019 map updates and production.

7. Non-grant updates; 2018 Projects - To Do List

a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD work was noted as being completed and that our improvements can begin.

b. Lower Sligo Spur Improvements – A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay up to \$15,000 (increased from the previous motion for \$7500) for grading, compacting and application of crushed limestone on the 3 remaining miles of the Sligo Spur. (Marsh/Moss)

c. Middle Run ramp repair –to be discussed with contractors.

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 as funding permits.

e. 2 more trail counters are expected via IHTC and RTC to be placed in Brookville and Summerville.

f. PUC required sign installations were nearly completed with remainder to be done soon except for Solida and Lobaugh Hill Rds. on Sligo Spur pending grading work.

8. Events & Promotion

a. Brookville work day. Volunteers intend to suspend for the winter. Orange Patrol will be utilized in Spring as available.

b. Main Trail and Sligo Spur – Maintenance work will continue as volunteers are available.

c. Mateer reported that the Climax Tunnel Historic Preservation visit will be on Nov. 8, 2018.

d. Bridge markers and historic markers need to be installed on an upcoming workday.

9. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. Colby George Eagle Scout Picnic Shelter -Final approval has not yet been requested nor given.
- b. It was agreed that the parking at Baxter needs to be expanded and the remaining bollard moved further back.
- c. Kayak Launch approval was obtained from Brookville and Summerville. A letter of support was authorized.
- d. Maintenance needs were noted in Summerville mile 33-34, State Street, Bauer Road, ditch cleaning and pipe installations, a township pipe at Bauer Rd. near Hendersons' was noted as plugged and it was suggested to contact Lloyd Page as Road Supervisor.

10. New Business

- a. Approval by consensus was provided for Giving Tuesday on November 27th and the annual December challenge. The need for an annual fundraising event was discussed including a possible auction with larger ticket items and smaller door prizes.
- b. Conveyance status was discussed as nearing completion.
- c. Sligo Walker Farm Road proposed closure- no report.
- d. Sligo Spur/Rimersburg Borough and Municipal Authority access request and vegetation dump – no report.
- e. Purchase of signage was approved for no parking in front of gates and no dumping or littering.
- f. It was noted that Gary Kirkpatrick's drag may have been stolen from Lawsonham.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: December 3, 2018