

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 1, 2018

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 13 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Chuck Marsh, Bob Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Pam and Dave Henderson, Gary Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Pat Conners, Dave Smail and Ty Poster were absent. Visitors included Diane and John Corsini and Amy Milanovich.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of August 6, 2018, were approved as written. There was no September meeting. (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 \$850 for website maintenance. (Shirey/Marocco). Memorial donations were recognized.

4. **Public Comments.** Comments were made about excessive vegetation on 1st mile of main trail and 1st mile of Sligo Spur. Questions regarding the timing of completion of the spur were asked.

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 – Its completion and growing use was noted.

b. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Galen reported on status with completion estimated before October 31st. A motion was made and approved to pay the contractor from the NW commission/AVLT account, Sligo Spur Account, Climax to Long Point, Bridge Approaches, Bridge Fund, Climax Tunnel and benches fund pending partial reimbursement from grant funding. (Marsh/Marocco).

c. 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.

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

a. Fairmount City DEP improvements, AMD work. Galen reported that trail will be opened after grass takes root and culvert is lined with rocks.

b. Lower Sligo Spur Improvements – Galen has been working on lower 3 miles with tractor and will discuss with Rapp. A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay up to \$7500 for grading, compacting and application of crushed limestone on the 3 remaining miles of the Sligo Spur. (Shirey/Marsh). A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay KTH (Bill Kirkpatrick) up to \$600 for installation of 3 culverts. (Shirey/Marsh).

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 as funding permits.

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

8. Events & Promotion

a. Brookville work day. Scheduled for 2nd Saturday with focus on Miles 32-33 to before the small Heathville bridge. Missing stop signs need to be put in before Oct. 31st.

b. Main Trail and Sligo Spur – Pedestrian crossing and stop signs need to be put in before Oct. 31st.

c. Mateer reported that the next meeting of the Towns & Trails Initiative will be held in Brookville on October 18th and reported on brochures and Pannier kiosk promotion.

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

e. Sandy, Galen and Terry reported on the Preservation PA event in Harrisburg on Sept. 27th and their plans for more promotion.

9. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. Colby George Eagle Scout Picnic Shelter was discussed. Final approval not yet given.
- b. Sign maintenance agreement re: PUC required crossing signs with AVL T was reported as approved.
- c. It was agreed that the parking at Baxter needs to be expanded and the remaining bollard moved further back.
- d. Kayak Launch approval was obtained from Brookville and Summerville.
- e. Maintenance needs were noted in Summerville mile 33-34, State Street, Bauer Road, ditch cleaning and pipe installations, a township pipe at Bauer near Hendersons' was noted as plugged and it was suggested to contact Lloyd Page as Road supervisor.
- f. A committee of Bernie, Sandy and Phil is to meet to work on business sponsorship signage and adopt-a-mile criteria.

10. New Business - None was noted.

11. Executive Session Action began at 8:30.

- a. Conveyance status was discussed as nearing completion.
- b. Sligo Walker Farm Road proposed closure- no report.
- c. Sligo Spur/Rimersburg Borough and Municipal Authority access request and vegetation dump – no report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. (Hynes/Marocco).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: November 5, 2018