

## **REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

### **Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 1, 2019**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 12 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. Chuck Marsh and Ty Poster were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Pam and Dave Henderson, Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer. Others in attendance were Mike Reed.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Dave Smail.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of March 4, 2019, were approved as written. (Hynes/Shirey)
3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was delayed due to the early date of the meeting.
4. **Public Comments.** Gary Kirkpatrick presented several requests.

The following actions were approved unanimously by motions made and seconded:

- a. A motion was made and approved to pay overage costs on the covered bridge project not to exceed \$300 from the trail beautification fund upon receipt of an invoice. (Corsini/Marocco)
- b. A motion was made and approved to pay the cost of two triaxles of crushed limestone at the best cost to be obtained for parking lot improvements at the Heathville trailhead. (Shirey/Corsini)

- c. A motion was made and approved to pay \$200 to KTH for the tractor bucket repairs upon receipt of a bill with a condition that no further expenses may be incurred without prior approval by the Board. (Mateer/Hynes).

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.** The following issues were discussed.

- a. Potential slide at mile 3.
- b. Tractor repairs may be needed if the front seal leak has not been repaired.
- c. A motion was made and approved to update and purchase 10,000 maps. (Corsini/Hynes)

It was noted that new full panel and business card size ads and a Clarion County Tourism grant for \$2000 had been received.

- d. Meeting with the Rimersburg Municipal Authority was held and shared use has been agreed upon in the parking area and dump site access. RMA may request shared use on the south side of the 861 crossing for access to and from the sewage plant after further engineering study and discussion of gate placement.

#### **7. Grant Updates**

- a. Trail Volunteer Grant – Terry Rapp has installed 7 culverts, deepened ditches and is preparing for installation of crushed limestone on the lower 3 miles from SR 861 when access to the material in the mine is available.

- b. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Only an accessible parking space pending approval of bids and signage remains to be done in Spring. A partial reimbursement has been received. Adding combined signage with Rimersburg was discussed.

- c. Eccles Foundation – Grant for \$10,000 for equipment and improvements was received.

- e. Doppelt Fund was filed for improvement of parking areas, crushed limestone and equipment. Announcement is due in June.

- f. The PEC nomination was noted as not received.

- g. The Western PA Conservancy \$4000 river access grant was awarded for the kayak launch and parking area in Brookville.

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

- a. Middle Run to Fairmount City grading and crushed limestone – No update
- b. Refreshing limestone – New Bethlehem between gate and Bostonia spur, Heathville between bridges, in Summerville below Bauer Road near Hendersons' to State Street, Mayport and Depot Street near former washout location, with greater specificity TBD.
- c. Yount Road and State Street repairs remain to be done.
- d. Kayak Launch and Parking Area in Brookville – Dave Smail updated the Board. It was noted that Borough will help with worksite preparation. Budget needed to be reviewed and adjusted based on current estimates.
- e. Bridge markers and historic markers need to be installed on an upcoming workday.
- f. Parking at Baxter remains to be expanded and the remaining bollard moved further back.
- g. Bridge decking repair report. Galen reported that he made repairs on two bridges. No further problems were noted.
- i. Herbicide application plans. AVL T will be asked to do mile 0-1, estimates will be obtained for 1st mile of Sligo spur and all of Depot Street Spur from bollards to end of parking lot.

**9. Events & Promotion–**

- a. Town and Trail Regional Initiative report – Might be a grant for TODs signage
  - b. May 4<sup>th</sup> – Community & Trail Clean up day schedule was noted
  - c. May 9, 2019 – Redbank Valley Day of Giving was noted
  - d. Bernie was thanked for kayak launch creek trail guide which will be in the L-V Tab
  - e. June 22<sup>nd</sup> Century Ride and Zacks Outdoor Day
- 10. Old Business/To Do List**
- a. Compile list of new historic markers- Rock Run was suggested.
  - b. Dave Smail reported that the Orange Patrol is in high demand but he will reach out to the probation department and AmeriCorps.
- 11. Executive Session –**
- a. Conveyance – Study status was discussed with no action taken.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 PM (Shirey/Marocco).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 6, 2019