

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, July 1, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with 7 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. John Corsini, Chuck Marsh, and Ty Poster were absent and excused. RVTA member in attendance was Terry Mateer.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Annual meeting of May 6 were reviewed without correction and the minutes of the May 6, 2019, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/Shirey). There was no meeting in June.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was provided in advance by email. A motion was made to accept the report, file for audit, and pay reimbursement to Mike Reed for chain saw chains and fuel. (Moss/Hynes). A motion was made and approved to pay the map printing cost of \$4475 to Clarion Printing. (Marocco/Moss)

4. **Public Comments.** No comments.

5. **Volunteer Hours.** Volunteers were again asked to report hours on website, by paper or email.

6. Grant Updates

a. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Only an accessible parking space and signage remain to be done. Hager Paving promises that work is to be done by August 1st. A partial reimbursement from DEP has been received. A meeting was held and agreement reached with Rimersburg regarding shared parking and dumpsite access.

b. Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for lower spur– 660 tons of the remaining 1500 tons crushed limestone has been removed from the mine and will be applied when grading and drainage improvements of the lower 3 miles from SR 861 have been completed. The mine is delaying removal of the material. The Board granted an extension to TR Excavating due to delay in ability to remove crushed limestone from the mine.

c. Eccles Foundation – Grant was received for \$10,000 in equipment and improvements. Tools have been purchased and tires for the tractor have been ordered.

d. Dave Smail reported on the status of the Western PA Conservancy \$4000 river access grant for the kayak launch and parking area in Brookville. Work is to be completed by approximately week of July 10th. It is now useable but the sign still needs to be installed.

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

a. Fairmount City and Middle Run ramp repair is in progress by Glenn Shick for fuel and materials cost. Ramps are lowered to about 9-11%. Glenn wants to do some more drainage work. Crushed limestone or other surfacing is to be applied thereafter by Board.

b. Resurfacing remains pending good weather: It was agreed that 3 inches should be put down and a committee will need to flag or mark and get specific lengths and locations, to include approximately: New Bethlehem between gate and Bostonia spur, Heathville between bridges, in Summerville below Bauer Road near Hendersons' to State Street, Mayport and 2.8 miles from Coder to Rose Siding bridge and Depot Street, with greater specificity to be determined as funding permits.

c. An engineer concurred with Bernie that trees on slide at mile 2.8 should not be removed.

d. Work needs to be scheduled for drainage work at Yount Road.

e. Tractor repair status was discussed.

f. It was noted that some work had been done by Bernie, Galen and Mark Kirkpatrick to clear the slide near mile 38 and that Galen had repaired slides and drainage issues near 31, 33 and 34 with the loaner tractor.

g. It was agreed to talk with Mike Reed and Gary about replacing long gates with two short gates with space in middle for bikes to pass through.

- h. Parking at Baxter needs to be enlarged with bollards moved back.
- i. Bridge decking is being inspected and boards replaced as needed.
- j. Bridge and Marker installations are to be scheduled by Galen and Sandy.

8. Events & Promotion

- a. May 9, 2019 Redbank Valley Day of Giving results were reported. Dave and Phil will contact Brookville organizations for donations in October.
- b. Annual clean up day was held in New Bethlehem on May 4th, Hawthorn Intermediate School cleanup was cancelled due to rain on scheduled and rain dates.
- c. Century Ride is scheduled for June 22.
- d. RVHS Music group 5K is scheduled for June 29th.
- e. Trail completion celebration date is TBD upon completion.
- f. JCHC – 5k on September 15, rain date is Sept. 22 from Brookville to Summerville. A motion to approve the event was approved. (Hynes/Marocco)
- g. Peanut Butter Festival parade September 21, 2019 – Board declined to participate in parade.
- h. New maps were distributed to PA Great Outdoors and to Board members for Chamber and kiosks.
- i. Ways of appreciating volunteers was discussed with no formal action taken.

9. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. Summerville Shelter recommendations. Tabled until next month.
- b. Colby George shelter status – It was reported that it had not yet been stained.
- c. The DEP/Columbia Gas access agreement for well closing work in Mayport was discussed. A motion was made to ratify approval of the Agreement. (Hynes/Moss)
- d. The Sherry/Ferringer-Little agreement is on hold pending their consultation with an attorney for an agreement between Sherry and Ferringer/Little.
- e. Railroad Street drainage improvements by Redbank Township remains pending.

10. New Business.

- a. The request for support for AMD legislation support imposing costs on mining companies for old site cleanups was declined by the Board.
- b. Truck parking at Summerville trailhead was discussed. The Board agreed to not permit the parking and to send a letter advising the truck driver of the Board's decision.
- c. A new donated art installation of 3 bears by artist Dale Rogers in the old New Bethlehem freight yard area was approved by consensus.

11. Executive Session. Possible attorneys were discussed and approved for RVTA's representation. Sandy is to discuss with attorneys.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. (Hynes/Shirey).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: August ____, 2019