

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with 13 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Dan Bowser, Pam and Dave Henderson, Terry Mateer, Sandy Marsh. Ty Poster was absent and excused.

1. Organizational Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reelect the current slate of officers of Sandy Mateer as President, Galen Shirey as Vice President, and Ty Poster as Secretary/Treasurer. (Hynes/Corsini)

2. Minutes. Minutes for the Board meeting of March 4, 2019, were approved as written. (Corsini/Marocco)

3. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was forwarded to Board members by email prior to the meeting. A motion was made and approved to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Marsh/Corsini). A motion was made and approved to pay the portojohn fees as they come due during the year. (Hynes/Marocco). It was noted that the tractor was at Hetrick's Farm Supply awaiting parts for repair of the broken axle with a probable bill of \$2000-3000.

4. Public Comments. Dan Bowser of the Summerville Story Project requested input and discussed plans for possible construction or installation of a replica train station, shelter or caboose near the site of the old Summerville Station. A garage for the tractor and tools, meeting location and story time for kids were suggested as a possible addition. Pam Henderson suggested fundraising events and more detail on needs, others suggested signage on portojohns, kiosks and shelters to publicize needs and request donations. A committee for fundraising of Pam and Dan was appointed.

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. It was suggested to move the volunteer reporting form to the front of the website.

6. Grant Updates

a. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. The Hager bid for the accessible parking space was approved to be completed by August 1st. Signage remains to be done. A partial reimbursement from DCNR has been received.

b. Lower Sligo Spur - Trail Volunteer Grant – Terry Rapp will install crushed limestone when material in the mine is available.

c. Eccles Foundation – Grant for \$10,000 for equipment and improvements was received, tools for about \$100 have been purchased and tractor tires have been ordered so far.

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

e. The Western PA Conservancy \$4000 river access grant – \$867.50 for signage had been spent to date with more bills coming for materials. Dave Smail reported that work is progressing with assistance of Brookville Borough for grading and installation of a split rail fence.

f. There was nothing new to report on the Towns and Trails initiative other than a possibility of TODS signage money becoming available.

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

a. Middle Run to Fairmount City grading and crushed limestone – Volunteer Glenn Shick has called PA One Call and plans to do work soon to lower ramps.

b. Refreshing limestone – Locations are 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 by committee with onsite visits.

c. Yount Road and State Street repairs have been made by Galen and Bernie. Bernie reported that drainage was much improved. Some squash pipes are needed at Yount Road to replace deteriorated pipes. A stone wall at Yount has been partially rebuilt.

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

e. Parking at Baxter remains to be expanded and remaining bollard moved further back.

f. Dave Smail reported he had trimmed from Hendersons in Summerville to Heathville.

g. Herbicide application plans. AVLTL will spray mile 0-1. It was agreed to spray all of the Sligo Spur when completed at a cost estimated at about \$1100 and all of Depot Street Spur from bollards to end of parking lot. (Corsini/Marocco).

9. Events & Promotion–

a. The Leader Vindicator/Jeffersonian Democrat trail tab was released at the end of April with many good comments and requests for copies.

b. May 9, 2019 – Redbank Valley Day of Giving was noted.

c. May 4th – Community & Trail Clean up day and Hawthorn Intermediate work day on May 13th was noted.

d. June 22nd AVLTL Century Ride and Zacks Outdoor Day June 23

e. RVHS Music Group 5K Color Run on June 29th in New Bethlehem was approved. (Shirey/Marsh)

f. A trail completion celebration date is to be determined pending completion of projects.

10. Old Business/To Do List was discussed.

11. New Business. The following issues were discussed.

a. Sherry and Ferringer /Little Crossing Agreement was discussed with no action taken pending receipt of comments.

b. Tractor repairs are ongoing awaiting receipt of a part.

c. Gary Kirkpatrick's report was discussed. Willow plantings on MP 3 Slide were acceptable if not too late to plant. Removal of debris at the mile 2.4 slide was not approved. A bill for tractor bucket repairs of \$200 and a bill for \$800 for work on the covered bridge have not been received to come out of the equipment and beautification funds respectively.

12. Executive Session – Conveyance – Study status was discussed with no action taken.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 PM (Hynes/Marsh).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 1, 2019