

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 5, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 15 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. Ty Poster was absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Zack and Austin Blose, Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer, Glenn and Brenda Shick and Chip Dougherty, property owner near mile 19.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the July 1, 2019, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/Marsh).

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 \$850 for website annual maintenance fee. (Shirey/Corsini). A motion was made and passed to pay the bill of \$1,167.50 to John Briggs for Moore Rd. & S. White St. kayak launch signs. (Shirey/Marocco). Galen reported on the extensive tractor repairs. A motion was made to pay Hetrick's bill of \$1453.79 which included repair parts and tires for the tractor. (Marocco/Shirey). A motion was made to send a thank you letter to Clint Hetrick with acknowledgement of the donation that was made of a loaner tractor. (Smail/Hynes)

4. **Public Comments.** Concerns were expressed about the July 19 mile 19 flash flood washout disaster, its impact and questions were raised regarding temporary and permanent repair needs.

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 promised that work was to be done by August 1st.

b. Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for lower spur-work has been completed by TR Excavating.

c. Eccles Foundation – Grant was received for \$10,000 in equipment and improvements. Tools and tires for the tractor have been purchased to date. Parking lot improvements remain to be completed.

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. Signage was installed on July 18th and launch is in use. A publicity shot is scheduled for August 9th at 11 AM.

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

a. Mile 19 washout disaster was discussed. A committee was appointed to be chaired by Bernie Marocco and to include Chuck Marsh, Galen Shirey, Sandy Mateer, John Corsini, Chip Dougherty and Glenn Shick. Other Board members were welcomed to participate. A Go Fund Me Account will be established and other funding sources investigated.

b. Fairmount City and Middle Run ramp repair has been completed by Glenn Shick. Work held up very well during flash flood. Terry Rapp has placed 3 loads of crushed limestone on with a total of 6 to be applied at a cost from the mine of \$7.50 per ton, plus Rapp's hauling fee.

c. Two historic markers were installed by Terry Mateer and Austin and Mitch Blose with additional bridge and 2 more marker installations to be scheduled.

d. Parking at Baxter needs to be enlarged with bollards moved back.

e. Bridge decking is being inspected by Mike Reed and boards are being replaced as needed.

8. Events & Promotion

a. Fundraising: Dave and Phil will contact Brookville organizations for donations in October.

b. Trail completion celebration date is delayed due to mile 19 washout.

c. JCHC – 5k on September 15, rain date is Sept. 22 from Brookville to Summerville.

d. Peanut Butter Festival September 20-22, 2019, 5K and Mountain Bike Race on the 21st.

Additional shirts in x-large sizes are to be purchased as a fundraiser. Volunteers will be needed to man the tent.

e. PA Greenways Conference 9/22-9/24 in Shippensburg was announced.

f. Biketoberfest to be held Oct. 19th by Zacks via Lawsonham, Hunter's Moon at Climax and ending at Zack's in New Bethlehem.

9. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. Summerville Shelter recommendations. A 12 foot size was recommended.
- b. Colby George shelter status – It was reported that it had not yet been stained.
- c. The Sherry/Ferringer-Little agreement will not be needed as Littles have modified development plan.
- d. Railroad Street drainage improvements by Redbank Township remains pending.

10. New Business.

- a. Truck parking at Summerville trailhead was discussed. The truck has not been parked there recently.
- c. Locations of knotweed patches for fall spraying were discussed.
- d. A motion was made and approved to apply for 2 WEX gas cards with a \$200 limit. (Hynes/Shirey)
- e. The Rimersburg and Lawsonham station sites are to be investigated for ownership claims.
- f. All culverts and stone arches are to be inspected for maintenance and repair.

11. Executive Session. Conveyance status was discussed. Sandy will meet with Sara Seidle on August 13th. Use of the tractor was discussed and it was agreed by consensus that Galen Shirey is in charge of and must authorize use of the tractor, including distribution of keys and where and by whom the tractor is used.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: September 9, 2019