

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 4, 2019

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

1. Minutes. Minutes of the October 7, 2019, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/Marocco).

2. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was delayed due to a computer failure and will be provided by email when available. A motion was made to pay bills of \$13.37 to Heeter's Lumber, \$96.40 to Hetricks for tractor repairs and \$1530 to TR Excavating for hauling and tailgating crushed limestone to Middle Run. (Shirey/Moss) A motion was made and approved to reimburse \$225 to Darla Kirkpatrick pending sign approval for reimbursement of signs purchased on August 20, 2019, for Ray's Place at Long Point Tunnel out of reserve for that purpose. (Corsini/Moss)

3. Public Comments. Stories were discussed of runners, visitors, and a faithful walker who has lost 102 pounds. Gary Kirkpatrick reported on storm damage with drains that were plugged and some places where crushed limestone was washed from the surface.

4. Volunteer Hours. Volunteers were asked for their hours and to report hours on website, by paper or email.

5. Grant Updates

a. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Work was completed, final inspection held on Oct. 15th with DCNR and NWC representatives, report and requisition of remaining funds was filed.

b. Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for lower spur was completed and all reports filed. Grant for Mile 19 was received.

c. Eccles Foundation – Status of grant for \$10,000 in equipment and improvements was reviewed. A motion was made and approved to file a grant for gates, cameras and other improvements to the trail in the Rimersburg area. (Corsini/Marsh) Chuck Marsh will check the number of gates needed. John will check on due date of grant application.

d. Northwest Commission Greenways grant due on November 1st was not filed after meeting with DCNR and NWC representatives, given ownership status and competitive applications.

e. DCNR C2P2 grant for April 22, 2020. Decking replacement, culvert and equipment purchases were suggested as possible application requests. Mateer reported that DCNR indicates they are not considering equipment purchases at this time.

6. Non-grant updates; 2019/20 Projects - To Do List

a. Mile 19. Engineering plans and costs, fundraising to date and future plans were discussed. Bernie will schedule a committee meeting. A motion was made and approved to file a Clarion County Tourism Capital Grant application. (Corsini/Marsh). Phil will check on Jefferson County requirements for a tourism grant application.

b. A motion was made and approved to move the balance in the Middle Run account to the Mile 19 fund. (Shirey/Smail)

c. Trucking of the balance of 300 tons remaining in the Brady's Bend mine will be scheduled for after Thanksgiving to resurface the areas most in need of surface replenishment.

d. Gate replacements may be included in a new Eccles Grant application.

e. 2 more markers and 10 bridge markers are yet to be installed pending volunteer availability.

f. Summerville Sign. Phil confirmed that artist Sykes is willing to do the sign but may have to wait until Spring.

g. PUC final inspection was completed on October 8th. Approval has been received and filing closed.

7. Events & Promotion. A successful Biketoberfest was held Oct. 19th by Zacks via Lawsonham, Hunter's Moon at Climax and ending at Zack's in New Bethlehem with 65 riders participating. \$45 in donations were received for the trail.

8. Old Business/To Do List.

a. Summerville Shelter project. Committee has contacted contractor for estimate but size is as yet undetermined. It was stressed that approval of plans will be required. American Chestnut trees may be planted in the grassy area between the parking area and the post office subject to location approved by Board.

b. DEP gas well capping in Mayport is scheduled for week of November 4th weather permitting. Galen will check on trail conditions.

c. Phil Hynes and Dave Smail reported on their fundraising efforts.

9. New Business. A motion was made and approved to move to executive session. (Shirey/Hynes)

10. Executive Session. a. Conveyance status and easement/right of way to Armstrong Conservancy for miles 0-4 was discussed. Insurance concerns regarding Mile 19 were discussed.

b. Rimersburg and Lawsonham properties: Bernie Marocco will continue discussions with C&K representatives. No separate parcel transfer has been identified to date.

c. Survey. A motion was made and approved to allow Bernie Marocco to use the trail for access to a parcel near mile 4 to 4.5 for a surveying job. (Shirey/Hynes)

d. Tree Stand. The name of the individual will be acquired and the individual asked to move the stand out of the trail ditch and corridor.

e. An individual in Fairmount City will be contacted regarding his trespassing signage restricting mowing at the edge of the treadway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. (Hynes/Marsh)

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: December 2, 2019