

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 7, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with 13 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh and Sandy Mateer. Bob Moss, Galen Shirey, Dave Smail and Ty Poster were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were Chip Dougherty, Pam and Dave Henderson, Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer, Glenn and Brenda Shick.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Phil Hynes.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the September 9, 2019, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/Marocco).
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 \$2750 for the ADA parking pad at 861 to Snuffy's Cement Service, \$367.71 to Jim Neese for gravel at SR 861 and to Terry Rapp for hauling gravel and pipe on lower spur (Marsh/Marocco).
4. **Public Comments.** Spring vegetation spraying was discussed. It was agreed by motion to spray at a width of 12 to 14 feet maximum. (Corsini/Marocco)
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. Work has been completed and the final inspection is set for Oct. 15th with DCNR and NWC representatives.
 - b. Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for lower spur–completed.
 - c. Eccles Foundation – Grant was received for \$10,000 in equipment and improvements. Tools and tires for the tractor have been purchased to date. Ditching and culvert pipes have been completed and added, parking pad has been installed. Parking lot improvements remain to be completed with remaining funds.
 - d. Mile 19. Engineering plans and costs, insurance concerns and strategy was discussed. Fundraising to date and future plans were discussed. It was agreed that the Committee would meet in early November to discuss and then recommend action to the Board. A motion was made and approved to accept a donation from the Siebach family for naming of the kayak launch at Moore Road with the funds to be used for the Mile 19 washout as they have offered. (Marsh/Marocco)
 - e. A Northwest Commission Greenways grant is due on November 1st. Crushed limestone for trail surface replenishment was a suggested application.
 - f. DCNR C2P2 grant for April 22, 2020. Decking replacement, culvert and equipment purchases were suggested as possible application requests, including a tractor with a sidebar/boom mower.
7. **Non-grant updates; 2019 Projects - To Do List**
 - a. Middle Run to Fairmount City work – still awaiting Rapp and Brady's Bend bill for hauling and crushed limestone.
 - b. Trucking of the balance of the 300 tons in the Brady's Bend mine will be scheduled for after Thanksgiving to resurface the areas most in need of surface replenishment.
 - c. Gate replacements are to be done as volunteers and funding is available.
 - d. 2 more markers and 10 bridge markers are yet to be installed pending volunteer availability.
 - e. PUC final inspection is scheduled for October 8th at 10 AM.
 - f. Bridge decking is being inspected by Mike Reed, Terry Schuckers and boards are being replaced as needed.
 - g. Rimersburg and Lawsonham properties. Bernie Marocco reported on conversations with C&K representative. Research and strategy to obtain quitclaim deeds was discussed.

8. Events & Promotion

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

b. Sandy Mateer reported on the Shippensburg Greenways Trail Summit. The idea of creating a mountain bike trail along the trail and on permitted adjoining property was discussed favorably.

c. Biketoberfest is 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 project. Committee has contacted contractor for estimate. 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. Summerville sign approval and kayak launch support. Pam and Dave Henderson will measure available space. Phil Hynes will check availability with Sykes. A motion was made and approved to pay up to \$700 for Bruce Sykes to build and install a sign on the Summerville Boro building with their approval and subject to size considerations. (Hynes/Marsh)

c. No further request had been received on Fairmount City Railroad street drainage repairs.

d. Knotweed spraying was completed on Sept. 29th. A motion was made and approved to pay Vegetation Managers \$1632 for the work. (Marocco/Hynes).

10. New Business. Mowing was discussed including potential volunteers.

11. Executive Session. Conveyance status and easement/right of way to Armstrong Conservancy for miles 0-4 was discussed. A motion was made to approve the necessary changes to the easement/right of way to Armstrong Conservancy for them to access their adjoining conservancy property. (Hynes/Corsini) A motion was made and approved to draft, negotiate and execute all necessary documents for conveyance. (Corsini/Marsh)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. (Hynes/Marocco)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ S. Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: November 4, 2019