

# REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 9, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 11 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 members in attendance were Dan Bowser, Dave Henderson, Terry Mateer, Bob Simpson. Robert Carnes was also in attendance.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the August 5, 2019, Board meeting were approved as written. (Shirey/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 move \$20,000 from the crushed limestone reserve to the Mile 19 washout fund. (Shirey/Moss). Motions were made and passed to pay \$2000 to Glenn Shick for fuel reimbursement for donated equipment at Middle Run and Mile 19 (Hynes/Marocco), \$141.25 to Jim Neese for hauling stone to the washout bypass, Heeters for bridge decking and concrete for historic markers, and reimbursement to volunteer Terry Schuckers for bridge decking replacement boards (Shirey/Hynes) and to move the remaining balance in the Middle Run account to the Mile 19 fund after payment of crushed limestone and hauling costs to Terry Rapp (Shirey/Hynes).

4. **Public Comments.** Concerns were expressed about trail user lack of courtesy and safety in riding fast past other trail users without announcing their presence.

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. A motion was made and approved to pay the remaining bills and arrange for the necessary work to complete the project, including signage. It was agreed to add trail user figures to the bottom of the proposed sign to be installed at the entrance but outside of the 861 right of way.

b. Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for lower spur–crushed limestone has been applied and 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. 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. Dave Smail reported on the status of the Western PA Conservancy \$4000 river access grant for the kayak launch and parking area in Brookville. All bills have been paid out of grant money with excess out of private donations. It was agreed to move the remaining balance in that account that was donated by Board member Smail to the maintenance fund.

e. The Trail Volunteer Fund provided a grant for \$25000 for the mile 19 washout which can be used for matching funds. It was agreed to start a Go Fund Me page.

f. A Northwest Commission Greenways grant is to be announced soon. Crushed limestone for trail surface replenishment was a suggested application.

g. DCNR C2P2 grant for April 22, 2020. Decking replacement, culvert and equipment purchases were considered as possible application requests.

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

a. Mile 19 washout disaster was discussed. The Committee reported on progress, Mateer reported on a possible SBA loan for bridge construction.

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. Parking at Baxter needs to be enlarged with bollards moved back when volunteers are able.

- e. Terry Mateer, Bill Dinger and Blose Brothers installed 2 historic markers with 2 more markers and bridge markers yet to be installed.
- f. Bridge decking is being inspected by Mike Reed, Terry Schuckers and boards are being replaced as needed.

## **8. Events & Promotion**

- a. Fundraising: Dave and Phil will contact Brookville organizations 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. Free Wheeling Easy books were donated to help raise funds and a basket give a way was approved.
- e. PA Greenways Conference 9/22-9/24 in Shippensburg was announced.
- f. Biketoberfest is to be held Oct. 19th by Zacks via Lawsonham, Hunter's Moon at Climax and ending at Zack's in New Bethlehem. Galen will check trail before event.

## **9. Old Business/To Do List.**

- a. Dan Bowser presented information on the Summerville Shelter project which will include a 12' x 18' shelter to be located along the trail behind the portojohn but out of the ditch line. American Chestnut trees may be planted in the grassy area between the parking area and the post office. The project needs to consider what permits may need to be obtained. The Board expressed appreciation for the effort and general approval for the preliminary plans with final plans subject to approval.
- b. No further request had been received on Fairmount City Railroad street drainage repairs by Redbank Township.
- c. Truck parking at Summerville seemed to have stopped so no action is required at this time.
- d. Knotweed spraying should be done in the next week or so with concentration on Depot Street, Middle Run, by the Redbank Valley High school, the 861 crossing and other areas of the main trail.

**10. New Business.** Bernie Marocco reported on the trail counter at Brookville averaging 94 per day and 653 per week in the first 2 weeks of installation.

**11. Executive Session.** Conveyance status was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. (Hynes/Marocco)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ S. Mateer  
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 5, 2019