

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 13, 2020

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 10 in attendance at the Brookville Presbyterian Church. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, and Galen Shirey. Ty Poster and Dave Smail were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were David Richards, Sandy Marsh and Terry Mateer. The goals and objectives were read by Bob Moss.

1. Minutes. Minutes of the December 2, 2019, Board meeting were approved as written. (Shirey/Hynes).

2. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's reports for October and November were provided by email. December's report will be provided when completed. A software upgrade is not needed at this time. Sandy Mateer reported on the results of the December challenge, washout and annual fundraising. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's reports and file for audit. (Shirey/Cornish). 2020 fundraisers will include the Day of Giving on May 7th and the December challenge. Additional fundraising and outreach and Comcast collection efforts were discussed.

3. Public Comments. None.

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

5. Grant Updates

a. Upper Sligo Spur – NW Commission grant. Reimbursement of \$14,000 is still expected in January.

b. Existing Trail Volunteer Fund Grant for Mile 19 and possible PEC grant were noted.

c. Eccles Foundation – Signage design for SR68 and 861 crossings was approved. It was approved to add gravel at the SR 68 trailhead to create a parking area for several cars between the trail and SR 68 and to add gravel with any remaining Eccles funds at SR861. Grant report is due in February. A new Eccles grant application for gates on the Sligo Spur was filed.

d. It was noted that there may be a Northwest Commission Greenways grant round in early 2020. A possible application may be made for refreshing crushed limestone and replacing long gates with 2 6-foot gates and a middle pass through on the main trail at mile 10, Leatherwood, St. Charles, Climax tunnel, and on the Sligo Spur behind Doc's Bar off 68 on the south side, among other locations.

e. DCNR C2P2 grant is due on April 22, 2020. Mile 19 Bridge, decking and crushed limestone replacement, culvert replacements or additions were suggested as possible application requests if needed.

f. Clarion County Tourism Capital (Mile 19 Bridge), Doppelt Fund (Bridge and/or gates and crushed limestone) and Walmart (cameras) grant applications are to be filed by unanimous agreement.

g. People for Bikes grant application for mile 19 engineering and construction was filed.

6. Non-grant updates; 2020 Projects - To Do List

a. Mile 19. Engineering RFP is to be sent out with a site meeting scheduled for Jan. 27th. An article is to be included in the Courier Express papers after an interview on the Mile 19 fundraising on January 8, 2020.

b. Middle Run to Fairmount City – awaiting bill for crushed limestone material.

c. Trucking of the balance of 300 tons remaining in the Brady's Bend mine will be scheduled for this Winter with Terry Rapp.

- d. 2 more markers and 10 bridge markers are yet to be installed pending volunteer availability.
- e. Summerville Sign. Pam and Dave will check on status with Summerville. Measurements and design were provided to them for their use.
- f. Baxter parking is to be expanded.
- g. Galen will arrange for improvement and additions of surfacing for the Heathville parking area.

7. Events & Promotion. RVTA will have a display in the Brookville Chamber window in October. It was reported that Brookville Area Chamber is proceeding with a tourism brochure similar to those in other towns along the trail. (Note: Chamber later decided not to proceed.) Biketoberfest will be held again in October by Zack's Restaurant.

8. Old Business/To Do List.

- a. Summerville Shelter project. No report. It is believed the leaders were obtaining estimates.
- b. DEP gas well capping in Mayport is proceeding. Galen will continue to check on trail conditions with no damage reported to date other than the knocking down on the crossing sign for which the company will be responsible.
- c. John reported on discussions with Madison Township regarding the water drainage problems at Solida Road. Galen reported that some ditching had been done there and that volunteer ditch cleaning was proceeding below New Bethlehem to the Allegheny.
- d. Bernie reported that his survey work near mile 4 had been completed.

9. New Business.

- a. Mateer reported that the SR 28 corridor study is underway, and that meetings and interviews are planned.
- b. Phil will report the theft of the trail counter from the Brookville trail head to the Brookville Police Department and place notice requesting return of the counter.
- c. No objection was noted to the placement of a bench in memory of Mark Kirkpatrick near the Heathville camp by his high school class.
- d. Initiatives referenced in the 2018 Jefferson County Recreation Plan were noted for expansion of the PA Wilds trail to include connections to Redbank Valley Trails.

10. Executive Session.

- a. Conveyance status was discussed.
- b. Rimersburg and Lawsonham properties: Bernie Marocco will continue discussions with C&K representatives and was authorized to make a new offer including a set amount and donation option. No separate parcel transfer has been identified to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. (Hynes/Shirey)

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 3, 2020