

# **REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

## **Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 3, 2020**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with 9 in attendance at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. Bob Moss and Ty Poster were absent and excused. RVTA members in attendance were David Richards and Terry Mateer. The goals and objectives were acknowledged and not read.

**1. Minutes.** Minutes of the January 13, 2020, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/Shirey).

**2. Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's reports for December and January were provided by email. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's reports and file for audit. (Hynes/Shirey). A motion was made and approved to pay the \$40 Wex card enrollment fee, Heathville parking area improvements, the tractor housing repair and maintenance costs, and all other bills. (Corsini/Marocco). After review, a motion was made to update, remove history and reduce the length of the current monthly reserve schedule report as presented. (Marsh/Marocco)

**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 for funds expended of \$4,000 from DEP is now expected in February and \$10,000 from DCNR in March or April.

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

c. Eccles Foundation – Work is to be completed at SR 68 and grant report is due on Feb. 8th. A new Eccles grant application for gates on the Sligo Spur was filed. No notice has been received as of yet, but we may be receiving a grant.

d. It was noted that there may be a Northwest Commission Greenways grant round in early 2020. A possible application may be made for either the mile 19 bridge or 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. Filing of an application was approved. (Shirey/Corsini)

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) 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 RFPs were sent out to 16 firms. 5 firms attended the meeting scheduled for Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Proposals were received from 2 firms. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the Young & Associates firm's proposal based on the Committee's upcoming review and negotiation of the proposal and contract. (Hynes/Shirey)

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. Rapp is currently finishing the parking area work at SR 68.

- 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 approval status with Summerville. Approval of an amount was tabled pending approval from Summerville.
- f. Baxter parking is to be expanded.

**7. Events & Promotion.** RVTA will have a display in the Brookville Chamber window in October. Word was received that the Brookville Chamber decided not to proceed with a brochure. A motion was made to proceed with a tourism brochure for Brookville through RVTA similar to those in other towns along the trail provided that costs are covered by advertising fees or grants. (Shirey/Hynes). Biketoberfest will be held again in October by Zack's Restaurant in New Bethlehem. Attendance at the Chamber dinners was discussed. An REI Trail Summit will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 PM at Settler's Ridge. Board members were asked to help with promotion at the event. Clean up days will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Hawthorn with the Intermediate School with focus on the turntable improvements and on April 25<sup>th</sup> in New Bethlehem. The litter from the pallet plant was discussed as a possible project.

**8. Old Business/To Do List.**

- a. It was agreed based on Bernie's discussions and report to obtain a quitclaim deed for disputed property at Rimersburg and Lawsonham Stations for \$500 and a donation acknowledgement letter. (Hynes/Shirey)
- b. Summerville Shelter project. No report. It is believed the leaders were obtaining estimates.
- c. 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 has agreed to be responsible.
- d. Galen reported that some ditching had been done at Solida Road and that Mike was proceeding with ditch cleaning below New Bethlehem to the Allegheny. It was reported that a dog off leash had been killed by an illegal beaver trap off the corridor near mile 3-4 and that the traps would be reported to the Game Commission if not already reported. The Board will discuss trapping policy after further thought and discussion.

**9. New Business.**

- a. Bernie reported on notice of a possible subdivision and development of adjoining property at Alcola.
- b. The Scott and Melissa Shirey fence encroachment license agreement in Fairmount City was approved by motion. (Corsini/Smail)
- c. Goals for 2020 will include the mile 19 gap repair and review of rules and procedures.
- d. Conveyance status timing and documentation was discussed, a motion and resolution was approved unanimously for officers to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the conveyance. (Corsini/Shirey)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer  
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 18, 2020