

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 3, 2020

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 9 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were John Corsini, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Ty Poster, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Cliff and Sonja Heeter, Darla Kirkpatrick and Terry Mateer. Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco and Bob Moss were absent and excused.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Dave Smail.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of July 6, 2020, were approved as written. (Corsini/Marsh)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was provided by email and summarized. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report and to authorize paying the bills, including tax bills, TechReady website, Brocious Lumber for decking boards and after review TR Excavating for hauling crushed limestone. (Corsini/Shirey).

4. Public Comments.

Trail Beautification Committee reported on work they wished to do at no cost to RVTA including culvert pipes in Heathville area and near miles 37-38. A motion was made and approved to approve the installation. (Corsini/Smail). Other work done was reported. Concerns about effectiveness of herbicide spraying were discussed.

5. Grant Updates

a. Mile 19/Long Run - Pittsburgh Foundation Trail Volunteer Fund, PEC, People for Bikes grants were received & Clarion Co. Tourism grant was filed; DEP permit was received, CONTECH order signed for bridge after engineer review and approval.

b. Eccles Foundation Grant \$2800– Gates on Sligo Spur was discussed.

c. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch – Contract was received from NWC. DEP permit is to be filed

d. Armstrong County Community Foundation -grant application due August 18, 2020 will be filed for gate replacement funding.

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Depot Street and tree damage repairs over a 50 foot segment were discussed and will be prioritized.

b. Decking Board Replacements – Volunteers have been making replacements as needed.

c. Gates on Main Trail and Spur were discussed as to prioritization. It was noted that Baxter had been completed well but over budget.

d. Trees on structures – Volunteers removed some at Lawsonham but left some for safety. Removal on other arches and bridge structures needs to be continued.

e. Workdays: Scheduling for Oak Ridge Turntable, Puckerty Joe, 68 and 861 parking are in progress.

f. Shirts for volunteers have been ordered.

g. Sligo Spur bridge issues- volunteers made some repairs over erosion concerns.

h. Bench request mile 32 was approved.

7. Events & Promotion–

a. Redbank Valley Day of Giving July 9th – Mateer reported that it was successful given delay and COVID 19 Pandemic with about \$12,603 raised, 2/3rds from Board or former Board members.

b. Trail Usage – Brookville Ch. walk/ride on 9/12 and JCHC family event 9/20, rain date 9/27 were approved.

- c. Clarion Rotary Presentation was done by Mateer on July 27.
 - d. Clarion County Fair display – July 28 – Aug. 1st was in place.
 - e. Peanut Butter Festival tent – September 19th. A sign up sheet was circulated. (Note the PBF was later cancelled.)
 - f. Brookville Chamber window display is scheduled for October.
8. Old Business – Summerville Shelter – no report. It was agreed to post signs prohibiting horses on the trail.
9. New Business –
- a. Purchase of Stihl pole trimmer- A motion was made and approved to purchase a small Stihl Pole trimmer at a cost not to exceed \$500. (Corsini/Marsh)
 - b. Meeting location- Dave S. will check on availability of Brookville Presbyterian Church.
 - c. It was agreed that the next meeting will be in New Bethlehem at the Town Center on Sept. 7th-Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. (Smail/Shirey).

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: September 7, 2020