

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, July 6, 2020

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

1. Minutes. Minutes of the June 8, 2020, Board meeting were approved as written. (Hynes/ Smail).

2. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report for June was provided by email before the meeting. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit. (Marsh/Marocco). A motion was made and approved to pay the bills including \$5700 for crushed limestone and \$330 in attorney's fees for the certificate of title required for the Lawsonham grant application. (Corsini/Marocco). A motion was made and approved to change the name of the Sligo Spur bank account to the Pipe and Power account. (Hynes/Corsini). It was agreed that pipe and power lease payments would be deposited in that account from July 1, 2020 and thereafter, and that the account would be used to pay insurance, taxes, website and other annual expenses, with other expenses paid out of the account by Board approval.

3. Public Comments. Dan Bowser presented the Summerville Shelter project proposal and requests to the Board. The Board expressed their support and appreciation for the project and advised that it would require further discussion and consideration by the Board with a formal response to be forthcoming.

4. Grant Updates

a. Mile 19/Long Run- Grants received are Trail Volunteer Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation, PEC with 10% withheld, People for Bikes (report required every 6 months) and Clarion Co. Commissioners. Grant application pending is Clarion County Tourism Capital Grant. DEP permit was applied for in April and remains pending.

b. Eccles Foundation – \$2800 was awarded for gates on the Sligo Spur. A motion was made and approved to authorize expenditure of \$5000 for installation of gates on the Sligo Spur and replacement of some long gates on the main trail with the shorter gate system with a direct center pass through of 42 inches, using current gates where possible. (Corsini/Shirey)

c. Northwest Commission Greenways grant was awarded for the Lawsonham Arch preservation project. Contribution of matching funds of \$9,444.60 was ratified. (Shirey/Cornish). Next is the scheduling of the pre-application meeting for the permit with DEP, then contractor bidding.

d. Armstrong County Community Foundation has a grant application due on August 18, 2020. A motion was made and approved to apply for gate replacement money on the main trail. (Corsini/Smail)

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

a. Crushed limestone. It was noted that resurfacing had been done at New Bethlehem and Heathville with more stockpiled on Terry Rapp's property. It was agreed to move up the priority on resurfacing the Depot Street Spur with arrangements to be made for rolling and compacting first with funding out of the Depot Street Maintenance fund using either the Rapp stockpile or material from another supplier as needed.

b. Slides remain to be addressed with Board members to review conditions.

c. Baxter gate installation and parking expansion has been completed by KTH.

d. Trees on structures. Some trees at Lawsonham were cut off with more needed as well as on other structures.

e. Workdays are needed for benches, signs and markers. It was agreed that no additional benches are needed between Brookville and Moore Road, with only one needed between Moore Rd. and Summerville. Possibly shelters, picnic tables, pit toilets, a tool shed, bike repair stands, or donation acknowledgements on “you are here” posts at trailheads or mile posts could be used. It was noted that the Depot Street shelters and the Eagle Scout shelter had been stained and preserved by the Brookville H.S. soccer club and looked good.

f. Shirts for volunteers. A motion was made and approved to order 36 shirts and 3 safety vests at a cost not to exceed \$325.00. (Marocco/Marsh)

g. ATV use and littering. It was noted that the Sligo Spur litter suspect had been convicted and that the State Police were doing additional patrols near Huey.

h. It was reported that horses were using the trail and leaving piles on the trail in Heathville and near St. Charles. Attempts will be made to notify owners that horses are prohibited on the trail.

7. Events & Promotion.

a. L-V and Jeffersonian Democrat magazine section came out to good reviews in June.

b. Redbank Valley Day of Giving is set for July 9th.

c. Eagle Scout projects have been completed.

d. Bench request. The BAHS Class of 2020 request for 2 benches was approved.

e. Trail Use. Brookville church on Sept. 12 and JCHC ride was approved for Sept. 20, rain date September 27th between Brookville and Summerville, and Peanut Butter Festival Mountain Bike Race on September 19th in New Bethlehem were all approved with insurance and no fee but donations encouraged. (Corsini/Marocco).

8. Old Business/To Do List.

a. A motion was made and approved to appoint Andrew Menchyk, Jr. of Stepanian & Menchyk in Butler as the trail association’s attorney on an as-needed basis for one year with possible renewal after that time. (Corsini/Smail)

b. Camping and other policy matters need to be discussed.

9. New Business.

The Board approved beginning the tax exemption status request in Clarion County for the remaining parcels not already exempt.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Sandy Mateer

Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: August 3, 2020