

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 7, 2020

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 16 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Chuck Marsh, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Quinlan and Ragan Griffin, Doug and Dottie Himes, Darla Kirkpatrick, Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer and Mike Reed. Ty Poster was absent and excused.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of August 3, 2020, were approved as written. (Hynes/Corsini)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was tabled until next month.

4. Public Comments.

a. Quinlan Griffin provided an update on the completion of his Eagle Scout Project fishermen's steps and landscaping at the South Bethlehem/Trail Volunteer Bridge and made a contribution of \$81.02 from funds left over. The Board unanimously approved acknowledgment of the project with commendation by all for a job well done.

b. Trail Beautification Committee group reported on work they had done and wished to do. Darla Kirkpatrick suggested a fall wagon ride and/or a scavenger hunt as a fundraiser. The Board declined to approve the wagon ride because of the Pandemic, but approved further discussion and planning for the scavenger hunt to be presented to the board at the October 5 meeting.

5. Grant Updates

a. Mile 19/Long Run – RFPs are to be sent out to contractors for site work in preparation for bridge delivery with onsite meeting offered and proposals due Sept. 18, 2020.

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

c. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch –DEP permit was filed.

d. Armstrong Co. Community Foundation -grant application was filed for gate replacement.

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Depot Street – Doug Himes agreed to pick up tractor to take to Depot St. to work on ditches before limestone application. Several loads of crushed limestone were taken to Lobaugh Hill area and to cover culvert installation locations by TBC on Sligo Spur.

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Volunteers have been making replacements as needed on decking boards, mowing had been completed by Mike Reed from mile 0 to 20, by Galen from 20 to beyond Mayport, by Richard Raybuck from Hendersons thru Summerville and near Moore Road by Jeff Seibach. Culvert pipes had been purchased and installed by volunteers at various locations on main trail and Sligo Spur. Darla and Gary Kirkpatrick informed Board that 5 years of maintenance provided by Gary at Ray's Place pit toilet would be up in Spring 2021.

7. Events & Promotion

a. Trail Usage – Brookville Church walk/ride on 9/12, ALS walk on 9/13 and JCHC family event 9/20, rain date 9/27, PBF 5K and Mountain Bike race on 9/19 were previously approved.

b. Brookville Chamber window display is scheduled for October.

8. Old Business

a. Meeting location will be in New Bethlehem in October. Dave will check on church in Brookville for November meeting.

b. Policies- A motion was made and approved to adopt the following policies: no animal traps are permitted within the right of way, no hunting stands are permitted within the right of way, no shooting is permitted on, across or down the right of way, non-motorized access to permissible hunting grounds is permitted. (Marocco/Corsini)

c. Hunting Stand – it was agreed to post a sign requiring removal on the hunting stand on the right of way near Patton Station.

9. New Business

a. Ferringer/Little crossing agreement was approved to move the existing crossing in Alcola downstream 75 feet toward New Bethlehem. (Hynes/Corsini)

b. Dave Smail reported that after speaking with a neighbor in Summerville about his dumping yard waste in the ditch, the neighbor had removed the waste and cleaned the ditch.

c. Galen Shirey noted that a company was doing seismic testing near mile 26-27.

d. Dave Smail reported on discussions with Clint Stout regarding moving a bench. A motion was made and approved to allow Mr. Stout to move the bench at his cost and effort and to replace it if damaged. (Marsh/Corsini)

10. Executive Session. A motion was made to go into executive session for contract negotiations (Shirey/Hynes). The terms of the contract for site work at Long Run and the need to move quickly after bids were received was discussed. The proposed memorandum of understanding with Brookville Borough as to maintenance of the Depot Street Spur was reviewed and okayed for presentation to Brookville Borough. No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 5, 2020