

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 5, 2020

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 15 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were John Corsini, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Chip Dougherty, Cliff and Soni Heeter, Pam and Dave Henderson, Darla Kirkpatrick, Gary Kirkpatrick, Sandi Marsh, and Terry Mateer. Phil Hynes, Ty Poster and Dave Smail were absent and excused.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of September 7, 2020, were approved as written. (Corsini/Marocco)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** A motion was made to move \$9109.10 from undesignated reserves to designated for the Mile 19 project, approve payment of bills and accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Marsh/Corsini)

4. Public Comments.

Comments and suggestions included reports of ATV use and damage on Sligo Spur, snow mobile damage, camera installation on spur, reporting violators and trespassers to State Police, notification of enforcement in newspaper, suggested purchase of a dump truck to haul tractor on trailer and postcard reminders of membership renewals. The Board adopted by unanimous consent a policy of no use of ATVs on trail including for maintenance, and reiterated that no snowmobiles or horses are permitted on the trail.

5. Grant Updates

a. Mile 19/Long Run – A motion was made and approved to ratify the contract with Joseph C. Puryear Excavation for site work at Long Run. (Shirey/Marocco)

b. Eccles Foundation Grant \$2800 and Armstrong Co. Community Foundation grant of \$3400. A motion was made and approved to award a contract to Mr. Reinford for 8 gate installations on the Sligo Spur and 2 replacements on the main trail at St. Charles at a cost of \$600 per gate system, reusing long gates where possible on the Spur, with appropriate cost adjustment. (Shirey/Corsini)

c. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch –DEP permit was approved. A list of contractors was compiled. Next steps will include preparing the RFP, drafting contract and advertising.

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Depot Street repairs were discussed. Galen will take tractor and roller to work on repairs after coordinating with Dave Smail and Phil Hynes.

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Work needed at Carwick Road was discussed with possible help from Allen Carmichael of Toby Township supervisors. Board agreed unanimously that no action is to be taken or any culvert installed at mile 6.65 to move drainage from one side of trail to other side, 1000 feet before Cherry Run bridge or at mile 6.35 until Board can review. The Board approved TBC group to work on improving drainage at stone box culvert near Rankin property on Sligo Spur including a PA One Call. (Corsini/Shirey). A motion was made and approved to authorize Gary Kirkpatrick to have up to \$100 of grass seed purchased and billed to RVTA at Red Bank Mills.

7. Events & Promotion

a. Brookville Chamber window display is now installed for the month of October.

b. Fundraising – A motion was made to approve the December Challenge fundraiser. (Shirey/Marsh). The Board approved by unanimous consent to send membership renewal mailings. Pam Henderson will check on costs at post office and work with Mateer to send out personalized reminders. The suggested scavenger hunt was deferred until Spring.

8. Old Business

a. It was agreed that the meeting location will be in New Bethlehem in November and December.

b. Policies- A motion was made and approved to adopt the resolution on revised fees for memberships and memorial donations. (Corsini/Shirey)

c. Ferringer/Little crossing agreement was no longer needed as crossing will now remain in existing location.

9. New Business

a. Request for a memorial bench near mile 32. As one was already placed there, it will be suggested to locate one ½ mile upstream from Heathville or at another suitable location. Galen offered to meet with the person requesting the bench.

b. Salvaging of metal on trail by residents and visitors was discussed, not authorized and discouraged.

c. Northwest Bank New Bethlehem branch closure – For Ty’s convenience as Treasurer, a motion was made and approved to have the accounts remain with Northwest Bank. (Corsini/Marocco). Clarion and Rimersburg branches are to remain open and Ty Poster will remain as Manager of both those branches. A motion was made and approved to move the official and registered office address of RVTA to New Bethlehem Town Center at 419 Arch Street, New Bethlehem, PA 16242. (Marsh/Corsini). A determination will need to be made on the phone number if the bank number will not be forwarded to Clarion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: November 2, 2020