

# **REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

## **Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 2, 2020**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with 13 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were John Corsini, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Ty Poster and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Soni Heeter, Darla Kirkpatrick, Gary Kirkpatrick, Sandi Marsh, Terry Mateer and Rusty Price. Phil Hynes 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 October 5, 2020, were approved as written. (Corsini/Marsh)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Ty Poster presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve payment of bills including Puryear, Smith Hauling and CONTECH for Long Run work after successful completion out of the Long Run line item on the reserve account, to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Corsini/Marocco) A motion was made to reimburse Gary Kirkpatrick \$256.31, including \$121.50 for grass seed where culvert pipes had been installed, headwall rebar and 11 used railroad ties to come out of Moonlight walkabout funds. (Marsh/Corsini) A motion was made to reimburse Gary Kirkpatrick \$357.73 for improvements at Ray's place to come out of the Ray Doverspike memorial contribution line item. (Poster/Marsh). A motion was made to pay \$126 out of Moonlight Walkabout with the balance out of unallocated funds for grass seed to Gary Kirkpatrick upon receipt of a bill. (Marsh/Corsini).

4. **Public Comments.** Discussed under other categories.

### **5. Grant Updates**

a. Mile 19/Long Run – Mateer provided an update on the Long Run project.

b. Eccles Foundation Grant \$2800 and Armstrong Co. Community Foundation grant of \$3400. Chuck Marsh provided an update on the status of the gate installation.

c. Eccles - A 2020 grant request to Eccles Foundation for 6 additional gates, culvert pipes and other Sligo Spur improvements was filed by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

d. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch –Mateer provided an update that the DEP permits were received. Next steps will include preparing the RFP, drafting contract and advertising. Mateer cautioned that contractual requirements for payment will have to be carefully drafted to not require immediate payment because DEP is only accepting reimbursement requests quarterly. Reimbursements have been delayed for months. All amounts expended so far have been submitted for reimbursement.

e. DCNR and other grant opportunities were discussed. TBC suggested purchase of a one ton dump truck and were advised that DCNR is not considering equipment purchases for this round and the Board thought it better to hire trucks when needed. TBC presented an idea for a campsite at mile 1 of about 7 acres. TBC was directed to speak with Ray Scott who has a similar project planned downstream. A motion was approved to proceed with projections and analysis for consideration. (Poster/Marocco).

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Depot Street tree damage repairs were discussed and planned. Other resurfacing will depend in part on fundraising.

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Chuck and John suggested that they will speak with Allen Carmichael of Toby Township supervisors to request they install the culvert pipe at Carwick Road if RVTA pays for culvert pipes. Decking board replacements were being made as needed. The desire for Solar lights at the tunnels was discussed. Gary reported that the culvert at Don Rankin's

property on the Sligo Spur had been cleaned out, repaired and seeded. TBC was directed to do One-Calls for any digging they do. The Board approved “No parking” signage on the concrete barriers near the gates at the Climax bridge and to add “head in parking only” further up toward the tunnel to maximize available parking.

c. Community service – Mateer reported that a request was received and approved for Union High School students to clear drainage ditches along the lower end of the Sligo Spur.

d. Summerville Story Project update. Dan Bowser reported via email that the group was proceeding with fundraising and partnership investigation and had received their 501(c)(3) designation. SSP requested a lease to the Borough or SSP for control of the structure which was approved subject to negotiation of favorable terms. (Marocco/Shirey)

## **7. Events & Promotion**

a. Fundraising –December Challenge fundraiser will proceed. The Board approved the initiative and a cost of \$78.00 for personalized postcards for membership renewal reminders and donations that Pam Henderson will work on with Mateer, providing that an address of where to mail payments or a number to call for questions is included. (Corsini/Marsh)

b. Mateer reported on the Kaleidoscope TV show on the trail that appeared last week and is now on the Facebook page.

## **8. Old Business**

a. It was agreed by motion that the meeting location will be in New Bethlehem for the foreseeable future. (Corsini/Marocco)

b. Notifications of address changes due to the bank branch closure are proceeding with vendors and pipe and power payers. Ty’s new office phone number of 814-226-7873 and Mateer’s home number will be listed as the RVTA numbers in place of 814-275-3421 which will be disconnected and not forwarded.

## **9. New Business**

a. A request for a bench by Nate Snyder was approved.

b. A request for use of the trail by the New Bethlehem trailhead for a Christmas Eve nativity by the New Bethlehem Methodist Church was approved. (Marsh/Marocco)

c. It was noted that the OPDMD policy will need to be reviewed and updated.

d. A motion was made to allow TBC to purchase culvert pipes for the Sligo Spur at an amount not to exceed \$706.65 less any discounts for pipes purchased by RVTA through Toby Township. (Corsini/Poster)

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:35 PM. (Shirey/Moss)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer  
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 1, 2021