

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 1, 2021

The board meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:00 PM with 11 in attendance online. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Ty Poster, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Dottie Himes, Darla Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer and Rusty Price. Chuck Marsh and Bob Moss were absent and excused.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Phil Hynes.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of February 1, 2021, were approved as written. (Hynes/Smail)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Ty Poster presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve payment of bills, including Brocious Lumber, and accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Shirey/Corsini). The proposed 2021 budget and the current reserve schedule with reallocation of funds was reviewed and approved unanimously by motion. (Corsini/Marocco). The remaining December challenge funds were allocated \$1000 to the equipment replacement reserve and \$5,965.39 to trail maintenance. A motion was made and approved to ratify payment of the Clarion Printing bill for 70 of the map locator prints. (Shirey/Poster)

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

5. Grant Updates

a. Mile 19/Long Run – Mateer provided an update on the Long Run project which was completed on November 3, 2020. A motion was made and approved to approve the final Mile 19 Engineer's bill of \$5,943.75. (Hynes/Marocco). Mateer reported the final cost of the entire Mile 19 project was \$131,202.94.

b. Eccles - A 2020 grant request to Eccles Foundation for 6 additional gates, culvert pipes and Sligo Spur parking improvements was filed by the November 1st deadline, amended with permission and approved in the amount of \$8500, which has been received.

c. Eccles – A second grant request for \$5000 in matching funds on the Lawsonham Arch project was also filed on Feb. 5th as recommended by John Corsini. Any grants will depend on availability of funds.

d. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch –Mateer provided an update that the project had been advertised and on site meetings held with contractors.

6. Non-grant updates; 2021 Projects - To Do List

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Suggestions with detailed locations were requested.

b. Maintenance Team Reports –no reports.

c. Hawthorn storm drain project. Mateer spoke with engineer Richard Lenhart and Galen spoke with Hawthorn Council president Malinda Little and both reported that Hawthorn does not anticipate any damage or impact on trail. Water will be sent through an existing underground culvert across from Walnut Street.

d. Brookville maintenance agreement is on hold pending in person meetings by the Borough.

e. Carwick drainage. John reported that Toby Township supervisors have now declined to install the culvert pipe across Carwick Road. RVTA will need to install a pipe across trail. It was agreed to have a couple board members meet, possibly with TBC, and the supervisors to okay the location and impact of the pipe we wish to install to eradicate the drainage issue.

f. Project idea – Bernie has found property corners and suggested improvements at the Rimersburg Station site with additional research to be done.

7. Events & Promotion

- a. Community Service- Spring cleanups may be on hold pending Covid.
- b. Day of Giving is tentatively set for May 6th.
- c. Map locators- Bernie explained the map locator project.
- d. PA Welcome Center – A motion was made and approved to provide 1500 rack cards to be placed for free in PA State Welcome Centers on highways coming in from other states at a cost of \$210 from Clarion Printing. (Shirey/Marocco).
- e. Armstrong County Tourism – A motion was made and approved to join the organization at a cost of \$85. (Poster/Marocco) We will request that they submit a membership to RVTA.
- f. Ty reported that Windstream requested access for line maintenance and tree trimming near the New Bethlehem Subway and at SR28 near Fishbasket. It was noted that Windstream is delinquent in their line crossing fees. It was agreed that they would be asked to wait until the trail was dry, provide warning signs and notify us when they intended to do the work so that trail users could be notified.

8. Old Business

- a. Dave Smail reported on his conversation with the Siebach family regarding possible camping locations. Leatherwood Station was mentioned as a possibility.

9. New Business

- a. A nominating committee of Ty, Galen and Phil was appointed and approved for the May elections. Dave Smail indicated he did not wish to run for reelection.
- b. A request for a memorial plaque was discussed with a design to be determined after consultation with local suppliers.
- c. Mateer and Marocco reported on a conversation with the PA Bureau of Mines at SR861 to Lobaugh Hill in which mine trailings and debris would be removed and possible improvements made as part of a DEP grant funded project that is to be filed. He was also advised of the AMD and dumping areas near Cherry Run but that was not under consideration. They could work on either side of 861 and could possibly include trail improvements, parking, shelter or restroom facilities.
- d. A request for a granite bench near the Depot St. parking area was denied due to narrowness and lack of consistency with other benches. Other locations were suggested including near the White Street Kayak launch.
- e. Proposed Bylaw amendments were discussed and it was agreed to proceed with the required notifications for approval by the membership.

10. Executive Session

- a. The option of Cyber security insurance was discussed.
- b. After discussion, a motion was made and it was agreed to reject all Lawsonham bids on the March 8th date because of a complaint regarding the mandatory meeting, to readvertise without a mandatory meeting for receipt of bids on March 15th. (Corsini/Hynes)

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:51 PM. (Shirey/Moss)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 19, 2021