

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 19, 2021

The board meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM following the Special Membership meeting with 14 in attendance. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Bernie Marocco, Sandy Mateer, Bob Moss, Galen Shirey and Dave Smail. RVTA members in attendance were Ron Hagofsky, Toni Henry, Judy Jacklyn, Sandy Marsh, Terry Mateer, Sue Shirey and Tim Welsh. Board members Chuck Marsh and Ty Poster were absent and excused.

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

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

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made to approve payment of bills and accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Corsini/Hynes). Mateer presented information on collection efforts against Windstream and Comcast. A motion was made and approved to sign up for online banking with Northwest Savings. (Corsini/Smail.)

4. **Public Comments.** Mateer reported positive comments by trail users and thanked trail volunteers for their efforts.

5. Grant Updates

a. Eccles – A committee was formed of Galen, John and Bernie to work on the grant funded improvements of Sligo Spur gates, culvert pipes and parking improvements.

b. Eccles – A second grant request for \$5000 in matching funds on the Lawsonham Arch remains pending.

c. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch – The bids for work were reviewed. A motion was made and approved to award the contract to TR Excavating at a cost of \$19,055. (Shirey/Moss)

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Suggestions with detailed locations were requested. Delivery costs will be approximately \$85 to \$95 per hour, with no charge for loading time or equipment for the area between Mayport south/west for the stockpile. Other sources are to be used for northern/eastern half.

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Gates are to be replaced at St. Charles and Climax to allow a center pass through. Solar or wind powered cameras were discussed for the tunnels.

c. Brookville maintenance agreement is under review by Borough Solicitor.

d. Carwick drainage. RVTA will install a pipe across trail to correct drainage issues.

e. Summerville Station Project – the proposed license agreement was reviewed. A motion was made and approved to submit it to the Storybook Project group for further review and discussion. (Smail/Hynes)

f. Rimersburg Station site - additional research to be done.

g. Vegetation Management – A motion was made and approved to contract with Vegetation Management to spray the trail at a cost of \$90.77 per mile in late April or May when optimal conditions permit. (Smail/Marocco)

h. Historic Markers – It was suggested that we talk with Ken Burkett and Terry Schuckers regarding research on Jefferson County sites.

7. Events & Promotion

a. Community Service- Spring cleanups are set for April 24th and April 30th in the New Bethlehem area.

- b. Day of Giving is set for May 6th.
- c. PA Welcome Center –1500 rack cards were sent to the PA State Welcome Centers.
- d. A motion was made and approved to allow the following events: on May 22nd with the RVHS TRI-M 5k in New Bethlehem, Eccles Story Walk for May 24-Labor Day on the Sligo Spur and Sept. 11 Bellview UM 8 to 1 PM from Baxter to Summerville. (Shirey/Corsini)

8. Old Business

- a. PA Bureau of Mines on Sligo spur below 861 – No news to report.
- b. Granite bench placement on White Street launch- Dave Smail will be the contact.

9. New Business

- a. The nominating committee of Ty, Galen and Phil provided their report and recommended Chuck Marsh, Rev. John Phillips and Terry Schuckers be nominated for the 3 board positions. A motion was made and approved to accept the committee's report and place the 3 names as nominees on the May annual meeting ballot. (Smail/Marocco)
- b. It was noted that First Energy has requested access in the Hawthorn area for a study and we will be notified of dates.
- c. Vandalism of the gates at Carwick Road was reported to the state police by Chuck.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:10 PM. (Corsini/Moss)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 3, 2021