

**REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION**  
Board Meeting Minutes—Monday, July 5, 2021

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 10 in attendance. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Terry Schuckers, Sandy Mateer, Chuck Marsh, John Corsini, Galen Shirey, John Phillips, and Bernie Marocco. RVTA member present was Terry Mateer. Board Member Ty Poster was absent and excused. Representatives Mark Beckett, Logan Hicks and Derrick Downs from Boy Scout Troop 403 in New Bethlehem were also in attendance to present two proposals for eagle scout projects along the trail.

**1.** The goals and objectives were read by John Corsini.

**2. Eagle Scout Projects.** Proposals for a 14x18 4 post pavilion were presented by Logan Hicks for his eagle scout project. There was some discussion and questions were asked concerning the time frame, location and other details. Mr. Hicks' project is to be finished in a year and a half. Information was distributed with pictures of the proposed pavilion. It was proposed that the pavilion would be located in Lawsonham. A picture of Lawsonham Station would be forwarded for possible inclusion of some elements of design. Scout Derrick Downs then presented his eagle scout proposal as two picnic tables for the proposed pavilion which would be similar in appearance to the ones at Long Point Tunnel. A motion was made (Schuckers/Marocco) and approved for these projects to be completed by the scouts in the expected time frame. Pleasantries were exchanged and the guests were dismissed from the meeting.

**3. Minutes.** Minutes for the Board Meeting of June 7, 2021 were approved as written (Hynes/Shirey).

**4. Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was presented including present balance in checking, committed and reserved funds, accounts payable, accounts receivable (see report). A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as written (Shirey/Corsini). The Windstream non-payment problem was highlighted once again with progress on the action taken from the last meeting. Sandy reported that tax exemptions for non-exempt parcels in Clarion County will need to be approved with filing fees and it may be necessary to hire a practicing attorney for this matter. A motion was made (Corsini/Marsh) and approved to pay the filing fees and hire an attorney (Andrew Menchyk LLC) if needed to help us complete this matter.

**5. Public Comments.** Mateer reported that there are many positive comments she receives by people who use the trail regularly and once again thanked all of the volunteers for their efforts.

**6. Grant Updates.**

a. Eccles Foundation Grant—Galen reported on the slide on Lawsonham hill and ongoing efforts to secure the area from further damage. Parking over on Route 68 needs to be leveled and more fill. There needs to be a convex mirror installed so that people exiting the parking area can see the traffic coming on the curve where the road crosses the trail. Work was approved by

motion. (Corsini/Marsh). The Lawsonham Arch Eccles second grant request was denied due to unavailability of funds.

b. Northwest Commission Mini grant work will be done when water levels are optimal and should be completed by this fall.

## **7. Non-grant Updates; 2021 projects -To Do List**

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing. We will use up what we already have along the trail and see how much more is needed pending the weather and contractor availability.

b. Gate replacements on main trail. Galen has replaced the one at St. Charles that was too narrow and used a plastic marker post to see if that will be an effective deterrent with less expense. Climax remains to be completed.

c. Maintenance reports and concerns. Previously discussed.

d. Carwick Road Drainage. There is an issue of drainage on the Sligo side of Carwick Road that should be repaired. A motion was made (Corsini/Marsh) and approved for this to be completed with possible assistance and after consultation with township supervisors and at a cost of \$75 per hour for Terry Rapp's services.

e. Rimersburg Municipal Authority subdivision plan. Bernie has provided necessary information to the Eads Group regarding property lines and proposed subdivision of the Ciccarelli property to allow sewage plant expansion.

f. Brookville Agreement. Under review by Borough Solicitor.

g. The head wall repair reported by Gary Kirkpatrick is ongoing. Chuck will investigate the report of plugged culverts at 3.3 and 4.7 on the main trail.

## **8. Events and Promotion-**

a. Scheduled events:

1. Eccles Story Book Project was installed May 24-Labor Day-Sligo Lawsonham for .5 mile
2. Pending Event 9/11 Bellview UM-8AM-1PM Baxter to Summerville
3. Pending Event Sept. 12, 2-4 PM Depot for a mile Walk to Defeat ALS Walk hosted by Richard's Rebellion benefits the WPA ALS society.

b. Tick Warning signs will be posted as a warning for guests who visit the trail. Take pictures of the signs after they are posted.

## **9. Old Business**

a. First Energy has requested access in the Hawthorn area for a study and we will be notified of the dates.

b. The Summerville Station project license agreement is pending.

c. Porto john additions have been placed at St. Charles and Heathville. The one in Summerville is often full and needs to be cleaned more often. We will check to find out about the cleaning schedule. Some are probably used more than others but it will have to be monitored.

## **10. New Business**

a. Locations for Jumping Fox and Birdman sculptures have been decided and they will be placed on concrete and installed like the others on the trail. (Marsh/Hynes)

b. Sandy reported on the dog incidents that recently took place on the trail. She has been in touch with the persons involved. It clearly states on our signage and rules that all dogs are to be on a leash. Sandy will report further as she receives information regarding the incidents.

It was decided by motion (Corsini/Shirey) and approved that we will not meet in August unless there is a need.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:45 PM (Shirey/Hynes).

Respectfully Submitted,

s/John C. Phillips

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John C. Phillips, Assistant Secretary

Minutes Approved: September 6, 2021