

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 7, 2021

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 13 in attendance. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Terry Schuckers and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Dan Bowser, Randy Hagofsky, Darla and Gary Kirkpatrick, Sandy Marsh and Terry Mateer. Board members John Corsini, Bernie Marocco, John Phillips and Ty Poster were absent and excused. DEP representatives Mike Lazocik, P.E. and Jack A. Rokavec, P.E. were in attendance to present information about a mine reclamation project on the Sligo Spur.

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

2. Mine Reclamation. Mike Lazocik and Jack A. Rokavec from the DEP PA Bureau of Mines presented information and maps and answered questions regarding the planned and proposed DEP mine reclamation project on the south side of 861 to Lobaugh Hill Road.

3. Summerville Station Project. Dan Bowser presented a status report on the Summerville Station project with regard to fundraising, charitable status and restroom discussions.

4. Minutes. Minutes for the Board meeting of May 3, 2021, were approved as written (Hynes/Marsh) and the Annual meeting minutes were reviewed with no corrections noted. (Shirey/Hynes)

5. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made to approve payment of bills, including shelter sign, Kunselman Hauling and Insurance, designating \$5000 of the Day of Giving proceeds for historic markers per the donor's request, and to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Marsh/Shirey). Mateer presented information on collection efforts against Windstream. A motion was made to proceed with legal action against Windstream if payment was not made soon. (Marsh/Shirey). A motion was made and approved to petition for tax exemption with Clarion County for the remaining non-exempt parcels. (Hynes/Shirey)

6. Public Comments. Mateer reported positive comments by trail users and thanked trail volunteers for their efforts. It was noted that the eastern Heathville stop sign had been knocked over, that a parking sign was needed at Walker Farm Road, and that Darla Kennemuth requested a memorial bridge sign for the Darl L. Kennemuth Memorial Bridge.

7. Grant Updates

a. Eccles – Galen reported on the proposed improvements on the Sligo Spur to include additional 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 –TR Excavating will proceed when water levels are optimal and conclude by Oct. 1st. Randy Hagofsky offered the use of stone on his property to assist with the effort.

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Work remains pending based on weather and contractor availability.

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Gates replacement was completed at St. Charles to allow a center pass through. Climax remains to be done.

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

d. Carwick drainage. Chuck Marsh and John Corsini will pursue with township supervisors.

e. Gary Kirkpatrick reported on head wall repairs. Chuck will investigate Gary's report of plugged culverts at 3.3 and 4.7 on the main trail.

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

9. Events & Promotion

- a. The Eccles Story Book Project and Little Library was installed at Lawsonham with library and RVTA representatives present.
- b. Pending event: September 11, Belleview UM – 8-1PM Baxter to Summerville.
- c. New Event Request- Sept. 12, 2-4 PM Depot Street for a mile. Walk to Defeat ALS – Richard’s Rebellion to benefit the Western PA ALS Society. Event was approved. (Shirey/Hynes).
- D. 5 Tick Warning signs were obtained and will be placed along the trail and 3 in kiosks.

10. Old Business

- a. Brookville Depot street – the post will remain down unless there are vehicle trespassing issues.
- b. Portojohn Placements – Randy Hagofsky presented ideas and descriptions of possible permanent facilities. After discussion the board and Randy decided to investigate the systems and discuss possible locations. A motion was made and approved to place temporary portojohns for July through September at St. Charles and Heathville. Additional signage and descriptions will be added to social media and kiosks regarding portojohn locations.
- c. First Energy has requested access in the Hawthorn area for a study and we will be notified of dates.

9. New Business

- a. Committee Appointments were approved as follows: Maintenance Head: Galen, Brookville to Summerville – Terry Schuckers and Bernie Marocco, Sligo Spur – Chuck Marsh and John Corsini, Mile 0 to New Bethlehem – Mike Reed. Fundraising: Pam Henderson, Sargeant at Arms – Phil Hynes, Finance: Ty Poster and John Corsini. (Shirey/Hynes)
- b. A motion was made and approved to accept the Jumping Fox sculpture from artist Dale Fox. (Shirey/Hynes). A proposed location was approved of between State Street and the Hendersons home near mp 33. Suggestions for the placement of the Birdman Sculpture were requested.
- c. Tractor use by Gary Kirkpatrick was discussed with the Board and Gary. It was agreed by all that Gary would not use the trail tractor, but that the Board would reimburse him for fuel costs for using his own tractor.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:00 PM. (Hynes/Marsh)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 5, 2021