

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, Oct. 4, 2021

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 9 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, Ty Poster and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Randy Hagofsky, Terry Mateer and Bob Moss. Board members Bernie Marocco, John Phillips and Terry Schuckers were absent and excused.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of September 6, 2021, were approved as written (Hynes/Marsh).

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Ty Poster presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Corsini/Shirey). A motion was made to approve payment of bills. (Shirey/Marsh). Mateer reported on the successful hearing for tax exemption with Clarion County for all existing parcels. It was noted that the small Brookville parcel that was purchased at the intersection with Depot Street is the only parcel on which taxes must be paid. Board members were asked to start thinking about the 2022 budget and fundraising goals. Galen discussed purchase of a pull behind leaf blower as a possible grant request.

4. **Public Comments.** Randy presented information on the costs of possible installation of pit toilets along the trail. The Board and Randy agreed to further investigate costs, including cleaning and servicing costs with current providers.

5. Grant Updates

a. Eccles –Galen reported on continuing improvements on the Sligo Spur to include slide repairs, additional gates, culvert pipes and parking improvements. A motion was approved to add 80 feet of split 3-rail safety fencing at Lawsonham for \$3200 and 1 gate at Solida and 2 at Huey for \$650 each to Fence In, up to \$300 to TR Excavating for repair of the slide at Lobaugh Hill, TR Rapp Excavating to repair stone culvert below Carwick at an hourly rate, TR Rapp to do parking improvements at 68 trailhead with 2B Stone and at Walker Farm with 2A. (Shirey/Corsini).

b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch – The recent inspection by Young & Associates was discussed. A change order on the TR Rapp Excavating Contract in the amount of \$3300 for additional rip rap stone to prevent erosion was approved.

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

a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing – Work remains pending based on weather and contractor availability, but could be scheduled soon.

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Gate replacements - Climax remains to be done. Galen has been working with RVEA on trimming and ditch cleaning between Mayport and South Bethlehem. 2 benches were installed with the help of RVEA while on strike. Terry Schuckers will meet with Cresco and Berry Plastics volunteers to work in the Brookville and Summerville areas on Oct. 8 and 15.

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

d. Carwick drainage. Work plans were discussed to include a ditch rather than a pipe across the road.

e. Rimersburg Municipal Authority subdivision plan and DEP plan review. Bernie forwarded information that was requested. DEP advised that the project was approved for 2022.

7. Events & Promotion

- a. Nov. 6, 2021 8:30 am at Hawthorn. Sgt Chuck's 5K was approved and will proceed upstream, then over Mayport bridge and back to Walker Flat Road. Parking concerns were noted.
- b. October 16 - New Bethlehem, Downs Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh Buddy Walk was approved between New Bethlehem and Climax. (Shirey/Corsini)
- c. Redbank Valley Chamber October 30th Halloween Event by the Bears in New Bethlehem approved for 5 to 8 PM. (Poster/Marsh)
- d. PAGO Membership information was updated and membership quid pro quo was approved. (Shirey/Corsini)
- e. It was agreed by consensus that the December challenge would be for maintenance and improvements in general.

8. Old Business

- a. Summerville Station Project - agreement acceptance remains pending.
- b. Portojohn Placements –Temporary portojohns at St. Charles and Heathville will remain through October and Nov. 3 respectively.
- c. The Jumping Fox sculpture has been placed in Summerville between mile 33 and 34. Birdman is to be installed at the intersection with the Depot St. Spur.

9. New Business

- a. Mile 36.52 near Mt. Pleasant Road at Baxter to the Rachel Carson Bridge near mile 35.71 has been adopted for maintenance by Bob and Karen Crissman.
- b. An offer was received in September to join the Council on Greenways and Trails for \$100 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Board agreed after discussion to decline the offer.
- c. HRG grant meeting proposal. Mateer presented information on an upcoming meeting to hear a presentation on revitalization and grant opportunities from a Harrisburg firm being brought in to meet with various groups.
- d. Summerville Eats and Sweets – New restaurant was discussed and maps will be provided.
- e. Mateer proposed a new map update for 2022-2023 with a possible increase in printing costs of 6 to 35%. The Board approved proceeding with the map, including applying for grants from area tourism promotion agencies. (Corsini/Marsh)
- f. The Board agreed to accept an offer of unused bollards from Armstrong Trail Inc.
- g. The Board agreed to submit articles for a Halloween story on the Climax Tunnel and vandalism on the Sligo Spur.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:15 PM. (Hynes/Marsh)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ty Poster
Ty Poster, Secretary

Minutes Approved: November 1, 2021