

**REDBANK VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION**  
Board Meeting Minutes—Monday, September 6, 2021

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 8 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were John Corsini, Bernie Marocco, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, John Phillips, Galen Shirey and Terry Schuckers. RVTA Board members Phil Hynes and Ty Poster were absent and excused. RVTA member Randy Hagofsky was also in attendance.

1. The goals and objectives were read by John Corsini.
2. **Vandalism.** There was a report and discussion concerning vandalism to some of the gates on the Sligo Spur at various points along the trail on September 5-6. Pictures were available to see the extent of the damage. A motion was made to offer a \$500 reward for information that would lead authorities to the successful prosecution and conviction of those responsible. (Shirey/Schuckers) Approved. Chuck Marsh will call and try to meet with State Police.
3. **Minutes.** Minutes for the July 5, 2021 (no meeting in August) meeting were approved as written. (Corsini/Marsh) Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was presented including present balance in the checking, committed and served funds, accounts payable and accounts receivable (see report). This includes Mike Reed tractor fuel reimbursement for \$75.15. Sandy Mateer toner reimbursement for \$399.00 and we ratified \$224.74 to 310 Lawn & Garden to replace Mike Reed's chainsaw which was broken from a number of trail tree removals this year. Sandy also reported on the upcoming hearing on tax exemptions scheduled for September 15, 2021 @ 10:15AM. Motion to approve the report (Corsini/Marocco). Approved.
5. **Grant Updates.**
  - a. Eccles Foundation Grant—Committee reported on improvements along the Sligo Spur needs the addition of gates on Lobaugh Hill where the trail crosses the road.
  - b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant—The arch can be repaired with stone from the creek with the addition of a fence installed over the top of the arch. Grant is due to be concluded by October 31, 2021. The Engineer will be asked to review and approve work done to date.
6. **Non-grant Updates.**
  - a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing is currently underway.
  - b. Gate replacements on Main Trail are currently underway.
  - c. Maintenance reports and concerns. There are noticeably several high spots along the whole trail that could benefit from some kind of curbing or rail fencing. This will be explored more fully. Chuck is going to check about how to obtain and install

convex mirrors with Penn DOT or the PA State Police at the Lawsonham parking area. Trees could also be trimmed and some sprayed where they are growing into the arch.

- d. Carwick Road drainage—No update yet, must call PA One Call before digging but permit is only good for 14 days so we should be ready to go when we get the go ahead. Chuck and John will talk with township and Chuck will mark lines for PA One Call.
- e. Rimersburg Municipal Authority subdivision plan and DEP plan review concerns a strategy on how to complete this project. Several ideas were discussed. We will continue to move forward on this plan.
- f. Brookville Agreement under review by Brookville solicitor.

## **7. Events and Promotions.**

- a. Scheduled events:
  - 1. Eccles Storybook Project—Sligo Spur from Lawsonham for .5 mile. Wish to leave posts and continue next year. Approved by consensus.
  - 2. Sept. 11, Bellview UMC—8-1PM Baxter to Summerville.
  - 3. Sept. 12, 2-4PM Depot for a mile, Walk to defeat ALS hosted by Richard's Rebellion benefits the WPA ALS society.
  - 4. Sept. 19 JCHS Family Poker Run—Brookville to Summerville.
  - 5. November 6, 2021 8:30 AM at Hawthorn Sgt. Chuck's 5K Run.Motion to ratify all the events not previously approved by (Marsh/Marocco).  
Approved.

## **8. Old Business.**

- a. The Summerville Station Project license agreement is still pending.
- b. Portojohn additions status and cleaning schedule should go through September and October. Motion to extend the schedule (Shirey/Schuckers) Approved.
- c. Ratify Scout projects at Lawsonham.
- d. Ratify reimbursement to Eugene Rapp for tractor repairs and gate welding.
- e. Ratify Omega License Agreement for Kirkpatrick property logging.
- f. Ratify Keith Mohny staining of Pine Run/Mohny Bridge  
Motion to ratify all projects listed (Corsini/Marocco). Approved.

## **9. New Business.**

- 1. Locations for Jumping Fox and Birdman sculptures will be in Summerville and at Depot St. and main trail intersection.
- 2. Conflict of Interest Policy renewal: signed
- 3. Decorations on the trail were discussed. There should be a procedure to get permission or a policy in place to review or when necessary to remove items that may be weathered or damaged by being in the outside too long. Also, placement of anything along the trail that would infringe on the natural beauty of the surroundings should be discouraged following the "Leave No Trace" policy.

4. Brookville area volunteer clean-up effort—ABC Plastic has volunteered to clean up along the trail between October 9-23. Terry Schuckers will coordinate with them.
5. OPDMD update and E-bike policy—Those with disabilities should be able to use their OPDMD equipment to navigate the trail as per the ADA. E-bikes are limited to pedal assist e-bikes (those with pedals that are operational and limited to class one).  
Motion was made to adopt the revised policy. (Shirey/Marocco) Approved.

**10. Executive Session.**

1. Big rock removal estimate at Heathville-Motion to pay maximum of \$200.00 only if the big rock and all of the slide debris will be removed. Otherwise, they only need to remove a portion of the rock so that it will not encroach on the trail. It was noted that the big rock does act as a retaining wall of sorts to stop further slides from the wall falling on the trail. (Marocco/Shirey). Approved.
2. Darl Kennemuth Memorial Sign and bridge repair. Motion to place one memorial sign on a straight rail of the bridge. (Marocco/Shirey). Approved.
3. Property donation and tax sale at Swartz Road—Motion to decline property donation and not to bid on the tax sale. (Corsini/ Shirey). Approved

**11. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:15PM. (Shirey/Schuckers). Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ John C. Phillips  
John C. Phillips, Assistant Secretary

Minutes approved October 4, 2021