

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, Dec. 6, 2021

The board meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with 10 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were Bernie Marocco, John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Chuck Marsh, Sandy Mateer, John Phillips, Ty Poster and Terry Schuckers. RVTA members in attendance were Randy Hagofsky and Terry Mateer. Board member Galen Shirey was absent and excused.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of November 1, 2021, were approved as written (Marsh /Phillips).

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was presented by Ty Poster and reviewed. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Corsini/Schuckers). A motion was made and approved to approve payment of bills which included the TR Excavating Work on the Sligo Spur. (Hynes/Corsini). A motion was made to pay the EPTA dues. (Marsh/Marocco). Discussion of the 2022 budget was tabled until next meeting.

4. **Public Comments.** There was some discussion of raking and pit toilets.

5. Grant Updates

a. Eccles – An update was provided. Purchase of Convex mirrors for Lawsonham was discussed and tabled until next meeting pending an onsite visit with a sample mirror. Type of sign for Walker Farm is tabled until discussion with Piney Township. Galen is working with Terry Rapp on slide at Lobaugh Hill Road.

b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch –Extension has been received for filing paperwork until Dec. 31st. Another round of grants may be held.

6. 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 – Gate replacements – Climax is in progress. Pipe replacements were discussed.

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. Galen is acquiring the supplies and working on scheduling with Terry Rapp.

7. Events & Promotion

a. The economic impact of trails and recent articles were discussed.

b. Rack cards will be ordered and map advertisements will be solicited.

c. A motion was made and approved to approve the Lawsonham Eagle Scout project updated plans. (Marsh/Phillips)

8. Old Business

a. Summerville Station Project - license agreement acceptance remains pending. Project has been scaled back.

b. Portojohn/pit toilets remain under discussion.

c. Contractor reports that the logging work is done at Heathville. Bernie, Terry and Galen will inspect for the trail's condition.

d. Summerville Logging Project. No new information.

e. Hawthorn Stormwater project is to start November 30th. Any impact on trail will be watched.

f. Birdman sculpture was installed. A motion was made to accept and acknowledge the donation. (Phillips/Hynes)

9. New Business

a. Notice was received from Penn Dot about Mt. Pleasant Road bridge replacement plan for comments through Dec. 17th. Concern was expressed regarding trail access.

b. Fundraising efforts were discussed. December Fundraising Challenge will continue through Dec. 31st with some donations totaling \$1870 already received. A picnic table in memory of Ervin and Marjorie Harmon was approved by consensus to be placed between Hawthorn and Oak Ridge, mile 23 to 25.

c. The need for a larger pipe at mile 13.25 and a trail user concern regarding a dip was discussed with no action taken pending further investigation.

d. Hawthorn – Clyde property access issue. Discussion was tabled pending receipt of more detailed information.

e. Due to schedule conflicts, the January meeting will be held on the 10th instead of the 3rd.

f. Rimersburg station area improvements were discussed to include a possible shelter.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:05 PM. (Hynes/Corsini)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/S. Mateer
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: January 10, 2022