

# **REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

## **Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 10, 2022**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 11 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were Bernie Marocco, John Corsini, Sandy Mateer, John Phillips, Ty Poster, Terry Schuckers and Galen Shirey. RVTA members in attendance were Bob Moss, Gary Kirkpatrick, Terry Mateer and David Richards. Board members Phil Hynes and Chuck Marsh were absent and excused.

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

2. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of December 6, 2021, were approved as written (Shirey/Corsini).

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. (Shirey/Marocco). A motion was made and approved to approve payment of bills which included Ace Hardware for decking boards, 2 removable bollards from Global Industries for \$305.21 and \$245 to Clarion Printing for rack cards for PA rest areas (Corsini/Phillips). Accounts receivable include Windstream's January 1 payments of \$728 and a bollard damage payment of \$200. A motion was made and approved to adopt the 2022 budget as presented. (Corsini/Shirey)

4. **Public Comments.** David Richards' 1972 class would like to donate a directional sign on Main Street or an historic marker in the Brookville area for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. The Board welcomed further planning and details.

### **5. Grant Updates**

a. Eccles – An update was provided. A sign for Walker Farm is tabled pending discussion with Piney Township. Galen is working with Terry Rapp on the slide at Lobaugh Hill Road, Carwick culvert and another stone box culvert and with additional stone at Walker Farm and 68.

b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch paperwork was filed by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> with reimbursement pending. Another round of grants may be held. The Board considered safety fencing or a shelter and historic marker at SR 68 as possible applications.

c. A Trail Volunteer Fund grant application will be filed for a pull behind blower by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **6. Non-grant updates; 2022 Projects - To Do List**

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

b. Maintenance Team Reports – Gate replacement at Climax and Sligo Spur parking area improvements are in progress. Jimmy Arner has adopted Sligo mile 1-2.

c. Hawthorn storm water project began Nov. 30, 2021 and impact on trail, if any, will be monitored.

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

e. Project ideas: Rimersburg Station area. Bernie and Galen reported that pins were found to identify station location. The Board will consider a shelter and historic marker to be built at or near the station site. Safety fencing is another project to be considered at high drop off areas.

f. The Lawsonham shelter Eagle Scout project is in process.

### **7. Events & Promotion**

a. Mateer provided a report on the successful December challenge fundraising event and on membership renewal status.

b. Rack cards are in and will be forwarded for placement at PA rest centers. Map advertisements are being solicited. The board made suggestions for possible businesses to contact.

c. The Spring Clean Up event was set for Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Projects for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are to be considered with litter pickup being the primary focus for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Hawthorn.

d. The Day of Giving is tentatively set for May 12<sup>th</sup>.

e. The 2022 meeting schedule will be first Mondays at New Bethlehem Town Center, with the annual meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, except that the July meeting will be on July 11. The meeting for September is tentatively on Labor Day pending Board conflicts.

f. Map updates and corrections were discussed and requested.

## **8. Old Business**

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

b. Contractor reported that the logging work is done at Heathville. Bernie, Terry and Galen inspected for the trail's condition. It was agreed to release the bond.

c. Summerville Logging Project near mile 35. Bernie reported that there do not seem to be any marketable trees near the corridor line.

d. Board members and volunteers were asked to report their hours. A form was provided.

## **9. New Business**

a. In response to a request for a memorial bench to be made out of a material other than wood, the Board will investigate polywood or other material, a person to build the benches and the cost. It was noted that the benches and tables are a fundraiser for the trail in addition to a memorial. It was also agreed by consensus that benches or tables are not permitted to be constructed or placed on the trail without the Board's permission.

b. A location for the approved Harmon table will be investigated.

c. Bollards – vehicle damage to the bollard at Wood Street was discussed. Removable bollards will be installed at Wood and Liberty to replace damaged and missing bollards at those locations.

d. In response to a public request, the Board by consensus authorized a post to be put on the website and a letter sent to the editor or newspaper in support of the Brookville Hub initiative.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:20 PM. (Corsini/Phillips)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Sandy Mateer  
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 7, 2022