

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes –Monday April 4, 2022

The board meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with 10 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board Members present were Terry Schuckers, Bernie Marocco, Galen Shirey, John Corsini, Diane Corsini, John Phillips, and Sandy Mateer. RVTA members in attendance were Randy Hagofsky, Gary Kirkpatrick, and Dave Richards. Board member Ty Poster was absent and excused.

1. The goals and objectives were read by John Corsini.
2. **Appointment** to fill Chuck Marsh's term. A motion was made to appoint Diane Corsini to the remaining 2 years of the term. Shirey/Marocco. Motion Passed. John Corsini abstained.
3. **Minutes** for February 7, 2022 (No meeting in March). A motion was made and approved to approve the Feb. 7, 2022 minutes with a correction as to those in attendance. Shirey/Marocco.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was presented by Sandy Mateer and reviewed. Noted on the report were current balance in checking, committed and reserved funds, accounts payable, accounts receivable (Comcast Status), memorial donations received. Motion to approve. John Corsini/Schuckers, Approved.
5. **Public Comments** There was some discussion on trees down on the trail near Lawsonham road and a sign needs to be secured. John Corsini will look into it. There was also some discussion about the historic track in Brookville on the other side of 2nd St.
6. **Grant Updates-**
 - a. Eccles—Committee report—improvements on Sligo Spur are to include: Carwick Road drainage, signage at Walker Farm Road, Convex mirror at Lawsonham trailhead and take trees out over arch, pipe up from 861 crossing and culvert at Huey.
 - b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant-Lawsonham Arch—DEP reimbursement pending.
 - c. NW Commission next round perhaps look into fencing for high bank areas along the trail.
 - d. TVF—Leaf blower grant has been awarded and purchase is in process.
 - e. Map grants—Jefferson awarded, Clarion filed, a couple of full-page and smaller ads are still in process.
7. **Non-grant updates; 2022 Projects—To Do List**
 - a. Crushed limestone to refresh surfacing—working on it as Spring weather permits.
 - b. Gate replacements on main trail status—Gates are hard to find right now but project is being addressed and progressing.
 - c. Maintenance reports and concerns-as weather breaks trails will be inspected and necessary Spring maintenance work will be noted, prioritized and assigned. Weather has not been very cooperative yet.
 - d. DEP and Rimersburg Municipal Authority plans—nothing new on this.
 - e. Brookville Depot Street waiting for the Borough Attorney to notify us.
 - f. Brookville Hub project—Dave Richards reported Board Bylaws and non-profit application are in process. They have toured 5 Bridges Trail but it's a one-man operation with many concerns about crossing I-80 and 322. It will require input and assistance of Jefferson Co. commissioners and the Historical Society.
 - g. Membership renewals must be in for those planning to vote at the annual meeting.

8. Events and Promotions

- a. Scheduled events: April 23rd clean up day, Schools to be scheduled, Boy Scout Troop from Brookville Presbyterian Church to help, paint gates along with spreading gravel around memorial benches, 1 pickup load should be enough. We'll talk to Dave Smail.
- b. Day of Giving May 12—match sponsors, fundraising efforts. L V Tab topics; in process.

9. New Business

- a. Bernie/Pollinator Garden—Bernie Marocco would like to see a pollinator garden somewhere along the trail where it would be suitable, possibly on ½ acre site near Rose Siding Road. It should have some milk weed for Monarch Butterflies along with other flowers that attract humming birds, bees and other pollinators. There needs to be some preparation for it and Bernie passed out a photo map to show a possible spot. The time is getting close and seed must be purchased and the ground prepared but not plowed so as to avoid invasive species growing and crowding out the pollinator plants. This will be investigated further.

- 10. Nominating committee report**—Galen Shirey reported that all members whose terms are expiring are willing to serve another term on the RVTA. Diane Corsini has been appointed to complete Chuck Marsh's term.

11. Old Business

- a. Summerville Station project—license agreement and placements- A photo map was distributed with markings for placements. After some discussion and clarification, a motion was made to approve the project. Shirey/John Corsini (Approved)
- b. Porto john prices are going up this year.
- c. Logging near Summerville project will not be using the trail at this time.
- d. Mile 13.25—Is a larger drainage pipe needed for washouts and debris? Also, a trail user was concerned about a dip in the trail that could cause a problem for bikers in that same area. Galen will check this out and report back.
- e. Hawthorn—Clyde property access issue (Ty). There is some concern that access to the trail may be required. Hawthorn storm water project should not require trail access but we'll monitor the project as it progresses.
- f. There was also a concern about a Penn Dot meeting with 2 Redbank Township supervisors concerning deterioration of a culvert under Middle Run Road. Those aware of this issue don't think that there will be any problem in the future but it will be monitored.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

s/John C. Phillips

John C. Phillips, Asst. Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 2, 2022