

REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – Monday, July 11, 2022

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 10 in attendance. Board members present were Phil Hynes, Sandy Mateer, Terry Schuckers, Galen Shirey, Diane Corsini, Bernie Marocco, and John Phillips. RVTA members in attendance were Dan Bowser, Randy Hagofsky and Dan Bowser. Board members Ty Poster and John Corsini were absent and excused.

1. The goals and objectives were read by Galen Shirey.

2. **Summerville Station Project.** The chair amended the agenda to introduce Mr. Dan Bowser from Summerville who updated the board on the progress on the Summerville Station caboose and shelter project. Things are on the move with the expected arrival of the “bobber” caboose at the site. The shelter is also in progress and will be reminiscent of the old station that once stood where it will be located. Inquiries were made and Mr. Bowser answered with current information. Mr. Bowser was thanked for his efforts.

3. **Minutes.** The Board minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting were presented with one editorial correction. (Motion to approve: Hynes/Marocco approved).

4. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer Ty Poster was absent for his son’s birthday celebration so the chair reported for him.

- a. Current balance in checking.
- b. Committed and reserve funds.
- c. Accounts payable.
- d. Accounts receivable—Windstream status—they still have not paid and are being pursued.
- e. Eagle Scout Project—Logan has all the money for the wood he will need but raising money for the roof is still in progress.
- f. Taxes filed—Accountant and PA registration fee paid in full.

6. **Public Comments.**

a. The Chair announced receiving an email from Chris Zeigler about the passing of Jerry F. Longwell from the Armstrong Trail on July 9, 2022. We will send a card expressing our sympathy to the family.

b. Brookville Hub - Dave Richards reported a video conference with the North Central Regional Commission and asked us for a letter of endorsement. He also reported that they are looking for more people who will actively serve on their board and invited our board to attend their meetings as they continue in their process of trail improvement and development north of Brookville. (Motion to send letter of endorsement Hynes/Marocco Approved).

7. **Grant Updates**

a. Eccles Foundation Grant—Committee report—drainage pipes, convex mirrors at Lawsonham trailhead. The mirrors will be installed by mid-August after investigating how they should be placed in that location.

b. NW Commission Mini-Grant—Lawsonham Arch—DEP reimbursement received.

c. NW Commission next round—August 1, 2022 @4:00PM, July 31, 2022 Multimodal grants are due.

d. TVF—blower grant awarded and status of order – Galen reported that we are waiting to hear status of order from Clint Hetrick.

e. Map update & grants—Jefferson & Clarion Co. awarded and received, all advertisers have paid, however our printer is still trying to find paper.

8. Non-grant updates; 2022 projects-To Do List

- a. Solar license agreement is covered later in the executive session.
- b. Maintenance reports and concerns—sink hole between 18 and 19 remediated, downed trees removed, vegetation management, mowing and trimming. Missed 2 miles between Summerville and Moore Road Bridge and will be notified.
- c. UPS Fraud Matter—UPS sent us 3 bills and we did not send anything via UPS. Sandy called them and they are treating it as a case of fraud. It was also reported to the local police department.
- d. Brookville Hub project update—see above
- e. Brookville Depot Street – no report
- f. Sculpture placements—this project is still a work in progress but underway.
- e. Summerville Station Project Status—This was reported by Dan Bowser above.
- f. Moore Road sign language for Siebach Kayak launch remains pending, and \$1,000 maintenance grant remains. Board discussed need to place a visible sign that will easily be seen from the creek.

9. Events & Promotion.

- a. PBF 5K/1/2 marathon in New Bethlehem September 16, 2022. (Motion Marocco/Shirey that we open the trail for this community activity. Approved)
- b. Brookville Trail Hub booth blessing for membership drive booth at JCHC Family Poker Run-September 18, 2022 (Motion by Hynes/Marocco to open the trail for this community event. Approved)
- c. Short-sleeve T-shirt promotions- (Motion Shirey/D. Corsini for us to purchase \$1000 worth of shirts. Approved)

10. New Business

- a. Launch at Climax? It was agreed that we should pursue developing a Kayak launch at the Climax tunnel east side. Creating new launches at Climax and Rachel Carson bridge was discussed. (Motion Hynes/Shirey that we apply for the grant by November deadline. Approved.)
- b. Garbage is being left in the Portojohn at Lawsonham, discussed leaving trash receptacles at that trailhead. We will continue to monitor this problem.

11. Old Business

- a. Summerville Station project—license agreement executed and placements are underway.
- b. Portojohn/pit toilet grant? Waiting to hear if would be covered under NW Commission grants.
- c. Logging near Summerville—conservation easement – no action or report
- d. Mile 13.25—larger pipe may be needed. We will continue to monitor.

12. Executive Session

Solar License Agreement—Solar power group has requested access for a 50-foot easement in the Cherry Run area to cross the trail and 7,820-foot easement along Cherry Run and Huey part of the trail for installing poles to carry a power line. We discussed and agreed that we need more information about this company, that we would prefer an upfront payment and to see if lines could be buried cable rather than installing poles for a license and not an easement. We will give more consideration to this offer.
The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:30PM (Hynes/Schuckers Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Minutes Approved: August 1, 2022