

# **REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

## **Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 6, 2022**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 8 in attendance at New Bethlehem Town Center. Board members present were Bernie Marocco, Diane Corsini, John Corsini, Phil Hynes, Sandy Mateer, Terry Schuckers and Galen Shirey. Board members John Phillips and Ty Poster were absent and excused. Charlie Ehredt representing a Toby Township solar project was also in attendance.

1. Charlie Ehredt of Prospect 14 presented information about a proposed solar farm near Huey in the Sligo Spur area and their requested license to cross or use part of the trail. Further information will be provided including the Board's conditions and details from the company.

2. The goals and objectives were read by Phil Hynes.

3. **Minutes.** Minutes for the Board meeting of May 2, 2022, were approved as written (Hynes/Shirey).

4. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was presented by Sandy Mateer and reviewed. A motion was made and approved to approve payment of bills which included Ace Hardware of \$23.96 for concrete and \$7 for chain saw sharpening, Insurance of \$1,531.00 and \$1383.00, Vegetation Managers of \$4,875.00, and Tim Engro for tree removal at Lawsonham arch for \$800. Increases in portojohn costs and fuel surcharges were noted. Day of Giving proceeds of \$9,465.90 and memorial donations of \$2,705.00 were received. Accounts receivable include Windstream's May 1 payment of \$350. A motion was made to pay the bills, accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. (Shirey/Corsini). The Lawsonham shelter Eagle Scout project is in process. A motion was made to pay bills on the Eagle scout shelter out of the \$2,070.00 received and dedicated for that purpose. (Shirey/Corsini)

5. **Public Comments.** None.

### **6. Grant Updates**

a. Eccles – A motion was made and approved to purchase 2 convex mirrors for safety improvements at Lawsonham and drainage pipes for culvert replacements. (Shirey/Schuckers)

b. Northwest Commission Mini-Grant – Lawsonham Arch reimbursement remains pending.

c. TVF – We requested and Galen was able to borrow a blower from Rail 66 which he used over many miles successfully to clear ditches and the trail. Galen will follow up with Hetrick's to purchase a blower. A motion was made and approved to donate \$200.00 to Rail 66 as a thank you for the loan of the blower. (Corsini/Marocco)

d. Map Update – \$2,000.00 grants were received from both Jefferson and Clarion Counties. All advertisers have paid the amounts due. The map is currently with the designer for completion and will be forwarded to the Board for review.

### **7. 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 – Downed trees are being removed as needed. Vegetation Managers completed work with apparently good results. The sink hole at 18.5 has been fixed temporarily. Mowing and trimming crews are needed. A motion was made to reimburse a volunteer for gas in the amount of \$200.00. (Shirey/D. Corsini)

c. Brookville Hub – no report. There may be an effort to create a loop in Brookville to connect near the West end of the tunnel via Maple Street.

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

e. New donated sculptures are to arrive on June 8, 2022.

**8. Events & Promotion**

- a. Mateer provided a report on the successful April 29<sup>th</sup> clean up event with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and June 6<sup>th</sup> with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- b. The Day of Giving results on May 12<sup>th</sup> and future efforts were discussed.
- c. June 11<sup>th</sup> – A 5k color run is scheduled for New Bethlehem.

**9. New Business**

- a. Moore Road Kayak launch sign and trimming were discussed. Bernie has a sign to install. Terry Schuckers will discuss maintenance and signage with the neighbors.
- b. After discussion, a motion was made and approved unanimously to authorize expenditure of up to \$500 for short sleeve shirts in moisture wicking and cotton varieties with the presented design. (D. Corsini/Schuckers)
- c. A motion was made and approved to name the Mile 19 Long Run bridge as the Terry Mateer Memorial Bridge with a marker describing the history of the arch and bridge and Terry's history and contributions to the trail. (J. Corsini/Shirey)

**10. Old Business**

- a. Summerville Station Project - license agreement is to be signed. Placement and moving of caboose remains pending.
- b. Possible grant: Portojohn cost increases may encourage installation of pit toilets.
- c. Summerville Logging Project near mile 35. Glenn Shick has suggested a conservation easement to protect the corridor with the property owner. No further information has been received.
- d. Mile 13.25 culvert is being monitored and may be replaced.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:30 PM. (Corsini/Phillips)

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Sandy Mateer  
Sandy Mateer, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 11, 2022