

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Monday, April 27, 2015
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Hellertown Borough

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Peter Jarrett called the meeting to order.
- B. **Roll Call:** Lower Saucon Township: Roger Jurczak, Jerry Holum, Jack Cahalan
Hellertown Borough: Steve LaBrake, Cathy Hartranft
Coopersburg Borough: Linda Minarik
Upper Saucon Township: Peter Jarrett, Joe Geib, Diana Inglis
Guest – John Brunner, Appalachian Mountain Club

II. Public Comment (Related to Agenda Items Below)

John Brunner reviewed and updated the commission on activities relating to the development of a rail trail in Bucks County. This would develop a rail trail of approximately 3.6 miles from Veterans Park to the county line. Bucks County has requested proposals for the design and has Act 13 funds available for the design and build-out. They are looking at a 2017 ribbon cutting.

Frank Pazzaglia updated the commission on plans for educational signage that will identify geological points of interest along the trail. His department is committing \$1000. The approximate cost may be \$1400. Peter suggested another area of interest would be the cut where the dinosaur tracks were. This particular cut is very interesting with sedimentary rock and Igneous rock.

III. A. Vision Future Plans

1. **John Bruner Update** – discussed under public comment
2. **Bethlehem Update** – Bethlehem is looking at many options to connect all trails to the Bethlehem Greenway.
3. **Springfield & Richland Township Updates** - -The respective Boards have adopted resolutions in support of the Bucks County Trail

B. Trail Improvements Projects

1. **Signal Restoration** – Roger updated the committee on the Signal Restoration project. The signal has been dismantled and is stored in the Historical Society garage for the winter. Various methods of cleaning the signal was discussed.
Upon motion by Diane, second by Linda the committee authorized spending up to \$2,400 toward the cleaning/refurbishing of the signal.
2. **Kiosk Poster on Invasive & Native Plants** – Maryann Snyder has provided a timely poster for the Kiosk.
3. **Trail Markers** – Roger is working on additional trail markers.
4. **Trail Clean Up** – Cathy indicated the day was a success with over 150 volunteers.

C. Web Site/Facebook Updates – Steve has posted proper rules

IV. Miscellaneous Business Items

- A. **Previous Minutes of March 23, 2015** – Upon motion of Roger, second by Steve the March 23, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved with the addition of Cathy Hartranft in attendance.
- B. **Financial Reports** – Jack provided the committee with the January and February financial reports. **Upon motion by Steve, seconded by Linda, the financial reports were approved.**
- C. **Bills to pay** – none

V. Commissioner Statements and Updates

- A. **Hellertown Borough** – Cathy updated the committee on the construction of Water Street Park.
- B. **Lower Saucon Township** – Jack reported the composting toilets are installed at the Reading Drive Trailhead.
- C. **Upper Saucon** – Joe reported Station Avenue will be paved with a raised speed table at the trail crosswalk. Upper Saucon is requesting a guide rail at the area where PennDot is working on the head wall at the culvert on Passer Road.
- D. Peter suggested organizing a Friends of the Trail group to conduct fundraising and grant writing.

VI. Adjournment – There will be no May meeting. Upon motion by Diane, second by Roger, the committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SRTC IS June 22, 2015 in Coopersburg Borough.