

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Monday, July 25, 2016
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
Hellertown Borough: Steve LaBrake, Cathy Hartranft
Coopersburg Borough: Ruth Poole
Upper Saucon Township: Peter Jarrett, Diana Inglis
Guest – Philip Weber

II. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Phil Weber suggested developing an educational outreach program that will focus on Rail Trail safety and proper trail crossing procedures. After a lengthy discussion the commission agreed to invite the police chiefs of the three municipalities to the September meeting as well as Josh Popichak of the Saucon Source. Ruth suggested using social media, including the municipalities Facebook pages, web sites and the SRT web site. Ruth also suggested having a table at the Saucon Valley Farmer's Market on occasion. The commission will continue with this discussion. The commission also discussed the installation of temporary speed humps at the Meadows Road crossing.

Jerry Holum entered the meeting at 6:10 pm.

III. Public Comment (Related to Agenda Items Below – None)

IV. Presentations / Trail Business

A. Vision Future Plans

- i. **Springfield & Richland Twp. Update** – Peter attended a meeting of the Bucks County Planning Commission. County is moving forward to formalize agreement with SEPTA. The rails will be lifted this year. There is a concern with wetlands along the trail bed between California Road to Springfield Twp. Encompassing about 150 yards. The next meeting is in September.
- ii. **Bethlehem Update** – Cathy did not have an update. Will defer to Steve.

B. Trail Improvement Projects

- i. **Signal Restoration** – Two signal lights are completed with the exception of the eyebrows. Roger indicated he needs to coordinate the installation of the support brackets. Looking at early September. Jerry would like the first set of rungs removed from the ladder. He will schedule a date with Tom Henshaw to remove.

C. Upcoming Events – The commission was presented with the schedule for the upcoming Eastern PA Greenways & Trails Summit on September 14th and 15th, 2016

D. Other Business

- i. Emergency Procedures on Trail** – Although information is on the web site, the respective managers will ensure the police chiefs, and other public safety entities receive the most current map with trail marker posts.
- ii. Trail Rule Enforcement** – this was previously discussed under courtesy of the floor.
- iii. Pedestrian-Bike signage** – will defer to Joe.

Steve LaBrake entered the meeting at 7:27 pm

- E. Website/Facebook Updates** – Ruth suggested a monthly article or some type of educational material would be posted on Facebook and web site. Ruth will be added as a moderator.

V. Miscellaneous Business Items

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes** - Upon motion by Diana, seconded by Steve, the April 24, 2016 minutes were approved.
- B. Financial Reports** – The June 30, 2016 financial reports were distributed and reviewed.
- C. Bills to Pay** – None

- VI. Commissioner Individual Statements & Updates** – Peter met with Maryann and Linda to cultivate meadow. Will put educational material in kiosk explaining types of flowers. Peter discussed the need for additional volunteers to assist with maintenance of the meadows. The commission agreed to create a list and, upon need, will notify volunteers of the project. Peter also recommended one staff member of each municipality attend the meetings. Peter will also contact Frank Pazzaglia. It appears the geology formation project the Lehigh students completed is eroding. Peter suggested replacing the rock steps for better observation of the site.

Roger indicated the manager of the local Sherwin Williams store approached him about painting the Ehert Mill Race bridge as part of a community project. Upon motion by Jerry seconded by Steve, the committee agreed to have Roger present this project to Lower Saucon Township.

- VII. Adjournment** – Upon motion by Roger, seconded by Steve, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SRTC IS August 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Coopersburg Borough.