

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Upper Saucon Township

I. OPENING

- A. Call to Order by Steve LaBrake at 6:07 pm.
- B. Roll Call
Hellertown-Steve LaBrake, Matt Marcincin Lower Saucon Township-Rebecca Miller,
Roger Jurczak Upper Saucon -Peter Jarrett, Diana Inglis Coopersburg Borough-
Lynne Morgan

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Related to Agenda Items below)

IV. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

A. Vision/Future Plans

- 1. Upper Bucks Rail Trail Update – UB Trail Rules -Signs were recently posted of the rules of the trail. It appears there will be no coordination of efforts with their committee and our committee. They haven't responded to an email regarding the signage on the trail that was vandalized.
- 2. Bethlehem Update -no update
- 3. Coopersburg Update-no update

B. Trail Improvement Projects

1. Station Signs –Post Quotes and Installation Schedule

Three quotes regarding the station signs were shared with the committee. Someone from St. Luke's rehab may pick up the cost of the signs as a donation. If so, we would design and post a plaque that would include St. Luke's name as donor.

Steve and Roger will reach out to Roy Shelton, who is local, to ask a few questions regarding timeline, paint, caps for the bolts based on the proposal for the sign posts submitted by Roy Shelton. They will pick up/ask for a shop drawing too.

Motion by Pete Jarrett to employ Roy Shelton for a preliminary purchase for 8 poles for the signs, seconded by Diana Inglis.

2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane – Status update -DeSales is paying for half of the cost of the bridge. Out to bid over the summer. \$250,000 split between Upper Saucon and DeSales. Footers will be put in towards the end of the year. Actual bridge put in during the spring 2022.

3. Mile marker status & updates to complete SRT markers -on hold for now.

C. Upcoming Events

- 1. Saucon Rail Trail 10K – 9/6/2021 Motion to approve by Steve, Seconded by Diana.
- 2. Robins Rehab East – 9/18/2021 - APPROVED
- 3. Team NPF Walk in Lehigh Valley – 10/9/2021 Motion to approve by Steve Seconded by Diana.

D. Other Business

- 1. None

E. Website/Facebook Updates

1. Adding a trail map(s) (both static or interactive) to the Maps section of the SRT website (Jeremy Mack)

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes - Diana made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, Pete seconded the motion, so moved by Steve.
- B. Financial Report - Lynne made the motion to approve the financial report, Rebecca seconded the motion, so moved by Steve.
- C. Bills to Pay -none

VI. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

A. By Municipality

Improvements to the native plant garden at the Reading Drive Trail Head were made Friday June 25,2021. Typically, there are 7 people that help Mary Ann Snyder, with maintenance of the garden. While working they were given positive feedback about the garden enhancing the trail.

Bamboo has been planted but there are no ordinances regarding bamboo.

Discussion was around the invasiveness of bamboo.

Trees are down on Landis Street near the trail. They appear to have come down to benefit a pool in a backyard.

Trees being taken down on the trail has brought up the question and the discussion as to whether the committee should be made aware of when trees come down when it impacts the trail. The committee would like to know when this is occurring.

Updating of the kiosk in Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce was mentioned. Discussion was around that updating kiosks rarely happens. The information in the kiosks should be information that does not get dated like maps. Kiosks are not something that can easily be updated due to the time it would take.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:25 pm there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Diana and seconded by Rebecca.

Next Meeting: **August 23rd – Lower Saucon Township**