

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**April 26, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Coopersburg Borough**

I. OPENING

- A. Call to Order -by Pete Jarrett at 6:05 pm
- B. Roll Call
 - Hellertown-Steve LaBrake, Matt Marcincin,
 - Lower Saucon Township-Rebecca Miller, Dan Edleman, Tyler Zulli
 - Upper Saucon Township-Peter Jarrett, Diana Inglis
 - Coopersburg Borough- Jeremy Mack, Lynne Morgan

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Related to Agenda Items below) -Roger Jurczak Lower Saucon Township shared that municipalities might have something from the state parks that is standardized, regarding the signposts. He also thought we could look into recycled steel. In the past there was a quote for concrete posts that was more expensive than the actual sign and very heavy. Roger is going to reach out to the person who fabricated the other metal signs on the trail to see what they use and get more information. Roger wants to pursue looking into metal for the signs.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

- A. Vision/Future Plans
 - 1. Upper Bucks Rail Trail Update –By email, the interest that Springfield Township and Richland Township expressed in regards to joining our group was rescinded.
We do want to keep communication open if there are events that cross over both trails. Pete Jarrett will reach back out with a response to the email to Paul Stephanoff.
 - 2. Coopersburg Update-The bird houses are installed on the trail.
 - 3. Bethlehem Update-no update
- B. Trail Improvement Projects
 - 1. Station Signs – Status and Installation Schedule
 - 2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane – nothing to report no updates at this time.

C. Upcoming Events

1. Robins Rehab East – 9/18/2021 Motion to approve the event on the trail by Diana Inglis, second by Matt Marcincin, so moved by Steve LaBrake. It is noted that they will need to abide by COVID standards and reach out to Upper Saucon Township in regards to that.

D. Other Business

1. Mile marker status & updates to complete SRT markers -pour concrete and use wood plaque, with pedestal to hold the post in place is a suggestion. Availability might be better in August for the hardwood. Street post signs of galvanized aluminum metal, was also suggested by Steve instead of wood and the question is can they be customized? Steve is going to reach out to Cathy Hartranft as a resource.

E. Website/Facebook Updates

1. Adding a trail map(s) (both static or interactive) to the Mapssection of the SRT website (Jeremy Mack) Two Lehigh students will work on both those projects during the summer. They will work on the app first. Then they will transition to creating the website. We will probably test out a beta version on our phones.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Previous Meeting Minutes Diana made the motion to approve, Jeremy Mack second the motion, so moved by Steve LaBrake.

B. Financial Report-Motion to approve by Peter Jarrett, Second by Lynne Morgan, so moved by Steve LaBrake

C. Bills to Pay-none

VI. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

A. By Municipality-Peter Jarrett shared there is damage to two signs on the trail. Peter wrote to Frank, who created the signs at Lehigh regarding the damage to the sign.

Mary Ann Snyder, director, of the native plant garden at the Reading Drive Trail Head, started getting a crew together to weed and supplement the plants in the garden. She is asking for about an hour of time, maybe every two weeks for volunteers to help with that work. Contact Pete if interested in volunteering.

Emails came in about e bikes if they were allowed. Diana responded to them about which ones would be approved along with an email regarding the bird houses, in terms of what they are.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 6:50 pm. Motion to Adjourn Diana, second by Jeremy Mack.

Next Meeting: **June 28 – Upper Saucon Township**

