

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Monday, March 25, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Lower Saucon Township

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order: President Diana Inglis called the meeting to order.
- B. Roll Call: Lower Saucon Township: Roger Jurczak, Leslie Huhn
Hellertown Borough: Steve LaBrake, Phil Weber
Coopersburg Borough: Ruth Poole
Upper Saucon Township: Peter Jarrett, Diana Inglis

II. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) – None

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

IV. Presentations/Trail Business

- A. Vision Future Plans
 - 1. Springfield & Richland Twp. Update – Springfield Street – Peter will be attending meeting tonight at 7 p.m. They have begun track removal and clearing the trail.
 - 2. Coopersburg Update – No update.
 - 3. Bethlehem Update – No update.
- B. Trail Improvement Projects
 - 1. Signal Restoration – No update.
 - 2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane – Nothing new since last meeting.
- C. Upcoming Events
 - 1. JCC of the Lehigh Valley – 2019 Bike Walk & Run – Motion by Phil, second by Roger. All agreed.
 - 2. Jack Bar-Mitsvah Charity Event – Motion by Steve, second by Roger. All agreed.
 - 3. SRT 10K – September 3, 2018 – Motion by Steve, second by Phil. All Agreed.

Roger expressed some concerns he felt were a weakness in the rules regarding road crossings for events. He feels if there are 50 or more people attending, the gates should be open with someone monitoring them. Diana said someone is responsible for monitoring so she is not sure what would be different.

D. Other Business

- 1. Upper Saucon Fence at Spring Valley Road – Nothing new.
 - 2. RR Signs proposal and quotes for wood signs and concrete posts – evaluating wood posts instead of concrete. Waiting for pricing for cedar posts from Henry's lumber. Looking at fabricated signs parallel to the trail at 4 locations. Discussion on weight of signs and posts. Also what is the height of the signs.
 - 3. Pete discussed having the meadow cleaned up at the Reading Drive trail head. Asked that some scrub trees be cut down.
 - 4. Parking concerns at Center Valley. Residents are using for personal off-street parking, officers are looking at. There are no signs at Station and Landis Mill.
 - 5. Steve said they are waiting for Upper Saucon and Coopersburg to review and approve E-bikes. An anonymous letter was sent to various people opposing them.
 - 6. Cathy Hartranft will be applying for a grant to install a tire and air pump at the trail head at Water Street park.
- E. Website/Facebook Updates –
- 1. Update to the business map on SRT website. No longer used – nothing replaced it.
 - 2. Add to FAQ's regarding parking/pavilion/crossings/hosting events/check calendar updates.

V. Miscellaneous Business Items

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Steve, second by Phil. All agreed.
- B. Financial Reports – None
- C. Bills to Pay – None

VI. Commissioner Individual Statements & Updates

VII. Adjournment – Motion by Pete, second by Steve for adjournment at 7:06 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SRTOC – April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Hellertown Borough