

Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission -Meeting Agenda and Minutes

March 28th, 2022 -6:00 PM at Hellertown Borough

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order -Meeting was called to order by Eric Bartosz at 6:05pm. .

B. Roll Call-Coopersburg-Lynne Morgan, Jeremy Mack Lower Saucon-Rebecca Miller Upper Saucon-Peter Jarrett, Eric Bartosz Hellertown-Terri Fadem, Cathy Hartranft

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS -Dan Southerland-people are on the trail on motorized vehicles. He has noticed two men on the trail on a Segway. Class 1 and Class 2 vehicles are allowed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Related to Agenda Items below)

IV. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

A. Elections/Reorganization-updated SRTOC commission representatives

B. Vision/Future Plans

1. Upper Bucks Rail Trail Update-The process is being worked on for opening the trail at California Rd. into Quakertown.

2. Bethlehem Update-Before they connect to the Saucon Rail Trail they are trying to connect all the other trails to Greenway. It will still be a while until the connection is made.

C. Trail Improvement Projects

1. "RR Signs" Signage – Status and Installation Schedule-GPS coordinates were to sent to us from Roger to help with our installations. Discussion was over moving the signs so they are visible from the parking lot, so they can be seen better. Eric Bartosz found a local concrete company for the pour. Eric is going to reach out for an estimate.

2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane-DeSales hasn't sent out rebids yet for the building of the bridge.

3. Mile Marker status and update to complete SRT markers-Still on hold until the installation of the "RR Signs."

D. Upcoming Events

1. Savvy Strides for Kids 5K-waiting on a certificate of insurance

2. Lutron 5K-Peter Jarret made a motion to approve, second by Eric Bartosz so moved by Lynne Morgan.

E. Other Business

1. SRT Native Plant Garden Plans 2022 season-MaryAnn Snyder got 10-12 volunteers from a Facebook post to help with her plans for the garden this season. There was discussion to have some form of recognition for her years of dedication to the garden by the celebration planned in late June. Eric will make photos for her of the event if she is agreeing to it.
2. Jack Keptner-hat/scarves protection on the trail-The blessing boxes will be filled by the Hellertown Library. One will have hat/scarves.
3. Donation of \$500 to the Saucon Rail Trail by Mr. and Mrs. Enot-A card is being sent along with a photo of the trail in recognition of their continued yearly donation.
4. Partnership/Sponsorship-PA House in Hellertown-The restaurant is opening next to the trail in Hellertown on Water St. They talked with Eric about how they can support/work with our commission in support of the trail. Ideas will continue to be discussed.

F. Website/Facebook Updates

1. Adding an interactive trail map to the Maps section of the SRT website (Jeremy Mack) The trail map is live on the website. This is a digital map. They will be adding to the map in the future with other features. Municipalities are highlighted. The grand plan is to make an app for phones.
2. Future WordPress Updates needed (Jeremy Mack) Jeremy made some updates to the website to keep it going. Jeremy attached google analytics to track the traffic on the website. Jeremy did some organizing on the website and will continue to work on the website to make further updates.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes- Jeremy Mack made a motion to approve, second by Rebecca Miller so moved by Lynne Morgan.
- B. Financial Report -Pete Jarret made a motion to approve, second by Jeremy Mack so moved by Eric Bartosz
- C. Bills to Pay-there were none

VI. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

A. By Municipality

Upper Saucon-The signs need to be cleaned up; they have been neglected. Passer Road has a lot of traffic. It would be suggested for more police presence there.

VII. ADJOURNMENT -at 7:06 pm Eric Bartosz made a motion to adjourn, second by, Pete Jarrett so moved by Lynne Morgan.

Next Meeting: April 25th at Coopersburg Borough Hall at 6:00 PM.