

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Monday, June 22, 2015
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Coopersburg 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
Upper Saucon Township: Peter Jarrett, Joe Geib, Diana Inglis
Guest – Al Cassaday, Southern Lehigh Public Library; Bob Sterling

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

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

IV. A. Vision Future Plans

- 1. **Springfield & Richland Twp Update** – nothing new to report. The Bucks County Planning Commission issued the RFP for planning consultants, and forwarded the final list to the County Commissioners for approval.
- 2. **Bethlehem Update** – Bethlehem is looking at many options to connect all trails to the Bethlehem Greenway.

B. Trail Improvements Projects

- 1. **Signal Restoration** – Roger updated the committee on the Signal Restoration project. The signal has been moving forward, with Blastco starting the work, and Roger casting the necessary resins. Jerry is still expressing interest in electrifying the pole in order to light it. Roger, Pete, and the rest of the Committee would like to see the pole finished first, then do the minor retrofits necessary for lighting. Jerry also asked about the incoming donations. Pete and Roger stated that additional donations should be coming in, but are not available to spend. Jerry wanted the project to move forward with additional expenditures for lighting and other amenities, despite necessary funding being in hand. No word from Jerry on the order for the hardware for the signal tower.

C. Upcoming Events

1. Saucon Rail Trail 10k – September 7

Chris Garges will organize the annual Saucon Rail Trail 10k Race to be held on Monday, September 7. There are no changes to previous years' races. The request was approved unanimously.

2. Southern Lehigh Public Library Book-It 5K – October 4

The Southern Lehigh Public Library is organizing the second annual Book-It 5k to be held on October 4. There are no changes to previous year's races. The request was approved unanimously.

3. Runner's World Training Runs

Joe Geib noted that the representatives from Runner's World called to discuss this year's training runs on the Saucon Rail Trail. The runs will start at the Upper Saucon Township Community Park. The dates are July 19, August 9, and September 12. The Runner's World Half is Sunday, October 18.

D. Other Business

1. Trail Crossing Accident, May 8, 2015

There was an accident with a biker and vehicle at the Meadows Road crossing. The bicyclist proceeded through the crossing mounted on the bike, and traveling as if they had the right of way. There were no major injuries.

2. Passer Road Culvert

Joe Geib noted that PennDOT will be doing work on the Passer Road culvert and headwall over the summer.

3. Frank Pizzaglia Geology Discussion on Coopersburg Cut

Pete Jarrett has been in contact with Frank, who mentioned he would be willing to give a walk and talk to the Committee about the geology of the Coopersburg Cut, as it travels south towards Springfield Street.

E. Web Site/Facebook Updates – None

V. Miscellaneous Business Items

A. **Previous Minutes of April 27, 2015** – Upon motion of Roger, second by Steve the April 27, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved with the addition of Cathy Hartranft in attendance.

B. **Financial Reports** – Jack provided the committee with the March and April financial reports. **Upon motion by Steve, seconded by Linda, the financial reports were approved.**

C. **Bills to pay** – none

VI. Commissioner Statements and Updates – None

VII. Adjournment – Upon motion by Diane, second by Roger, the committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SRTOC IS July 27, 2015 in Upper Saucon Township.