

# SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Hellertown Borough

Dimmick park

## I. OPENING

A. Call to Order at 6:00 President Bob Collins

B. Roll Call

1. Diana Inglis
2. Pete Jarret Absent
3. Steve LaBrake
4. Rob VanIngen Absent
5. Tyler Zulli
6. Roger Jurczak
7. Phil Weber - Absent
8. Patrick Leonard – Absent
9. Cathy Hartranft
10. Jeremy ???
11. Lynn ???

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Guest Joe Pampanin inquired whether there has been any enforcement by Hellertown Police at the Walnut Street crossing. Cathy informed the commission that the police were stationed there on a few occasions.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Related to Agenda Items below)

1. None

## IV. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

A. Vision/Future Plans - None

1. Upper Bucks Trail Updates – Roger reported finishing touches are being completed. Boardwalk has arrived. No official date yet for opening. The geology project includes nice vistas and rock formations.
2. Coopersburg Update – Crossing needs to be installed. Informative kiosk is being installed near Station Avenue depicting map of Highland Trail and Coopersburg station. No information was provided to the SRT commission. Bob will call Tim P.
3. Bethlehem Update - TBD

B. Trail Improvement Projects

1. "RR Signs" Signage – Roger reported the signs will be ready for pick up next month. Roger submitted the bill for paint. Roger suggested installing concrete piers and bolting to the lumber. The individual municipalities will be asked to install.
2. SRT Bridge Over Preston Lane – No additional information.

C. Upcoming Events

1. October 1 – Reading Drive Meadow Clean Up – posted on facebook
2. October 3 – NPF Walk
3. October ? – Lutron Walk – No additional information
4. Girl Scout Night Hike – October 6 – Coopersburg to Upper Saucon. Diana motioned to approve, second by Bob contingent upon municipal approval.

#### D. Other Business

1. LVHN Sponsorship Opportunities – Diana was contacted by marketing department. The commission is open to suggestions. Will they require advertising in exchange for sponsorship? Steve suggested the railroad signs. Steve would like to see a template of what LVHN is suggesting.
2. Coopersburg Kiosk – Previously discussed
3. Eagle Scout William Spare presented his project to build 25-40 nesting boxes along the SRT which will be hung by wire to the trees. Roger suggested identifying the limits of work for spacing the boxes. Jeremy suggested contact the Audubon Society to determine best design. Steve motioned to approve, Diana second contingent upon municipal approval.
4. Cub Scout Volunteers – Diana informed them of the Reading Dr. Meadow clean up project.
5. Purpose of the SRTOC moving forward – A discussion was held concerning the purpose of the SRTOC. The consensus is the commission is very knowledgeable and informative to the respective municipalities.
6. Meeting facilities for upcoming meetings – Due to COVID 19 and the cooler weather the commission needs to find a location for on site meetings or hold ZOOM meetings in the future.

#### E. Website/Facebook Updates

1. A concern was posted on Facebook about a safe crossing on Rt. 309. Lynn discussed another committee looking at a safe road crossing but no further discussion has been held.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes – The previous minutes were not available.
- B. Financial Report - Motion made by Steve Labrake to accept the financial report as submitted, seconded by Diana, Motion passed unanimously
- C. Bills to Pay – Motion by Diana, second by Steve to pay \$61.87 invoice submitted by Roger.

#### VI. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

- A. By Municipality – None

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm
- B. Next Meeting: October 26, 2020 – Coopersburg Borough