

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Monday, February 26, 2018
Time: 6:00 PM
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) – Girl Scouts Amanda Smith, Sophie Karlson and Ella Scheinler gave a short presentation on a request to hold a 5k race supporting premature babies. They are working on their Bronze award. The race is planned for May 12, 2018 from 8-12. They had a scheduled rain date of 5/19 but were told that date was already booked. They will consider 5/20 as a rain date. Motion by Pete, second by Phil to approve their request. All agreed.

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

IV. Presentations/Trail Business

- A. Vision Future Plans
 - 1. Springfield & Richland Twp. Update – Cleaning trail of vegetation through Bucks County.
 - 2. Coopersburg Update – No update.
 - 3. Bethlehem Update – No update.
- B. Trail Improvement Projects
 - 1. Signal Restoration – Conduit is left to be done. Pete will share information he received on signal.
 - 2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane – Waiting to go out to bid. One-third funding provided each by DeSales, Upper Saucon, and a grant. Pete said he would like to see an acknowledgement of Upper Saucon Township's name somewhere on the bridge.
 - 3. Landis Mill Road Geology Project – Waiting on nice weather – signs will be on either side.
- C. Upcoming Events
 - 1. SCAD 5K – August 11, 2018 Motion to approve by Roger, second by Peter. All agreed.
 - 2. Cares Foundation – May 19, 2018 – application submitted to Upper Saucon Township. No road crossings are planned.
Motion by Phil, second by Roger to approve both events above. All agreed.
- D. Other Business
 - 1. Potential for SRTOC to join Keystone Trails Association – Cost is \$50 annually. This is a lobbying group in Harrisburg. After discussion it was decided that it would not be beneficial to the SRTOC to join. Phil said he would mention it to their solicitor.
- E. Website/Facebook Updates – Nothing new. Will reword signal information once additional info is received.

V. Miscellaneous Business Items

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Roger, second by Phil, the January 22, 2018 minutes were approved.
- B. Financial Reports – Motion by Steve and second by Pete, the January 2018 financial reports were approved.
- C. Bills to Pay – None

VI. Commissioner Individual Statements & Updates – Phil stated the lights were going back to the rapid flashing beacons on Water Street near the bridge. He also mentioned that Hellertown will be installing a camera in the park which will partially be able to see the trail.

Diana said we received a \$500 donation from ENOT again. She asked if the Commission could put together some type of checklist for reference and to post on the website of what constitutes an event on the trail and when an application would be required. It was suggested a minimum of 25 people participating, fundraising involved and if road blocks are necessary. Diana wondered if the “stop for pedestrian” signs on Spring Valley Road were permanent and that one of the flashing lights was burned out.

Pete stated that MaryAnn Snyder will start on the meadow in March. There is no need for Scout involvement at this time.

There was a brief discussion on what donation money should be used toward in the future. Steve asked Leslie if there was an update on the Meadows Road crossing bollards. She will follow-up the LST Public Works department.

VII. Adjournment – Motion by Roger, second by Steve for adjournment at 6:52 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SRTOC – March 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Coopersburg Borough.