

Roll Call: Present –Diana Inglis, Steve LaBrake, Roger Jurczak, Ruth Poole, Phil Weber, Cathy Gorman, Tyler Zulli

- 1) Public Comment – None
- 2) Springfield Township/Richland Township – No Update
- 3) Coopersburg – Received grant funding but will start when they have connection point.
- 4) Bethlehem – No updates
- 5) Signal restoration –

Conduit needs replacement but will do it when there is good weather. The work is minor. Steve said that his neighbor used to be an engineer and maybe he knows what the signal was used for. Roger said the signal had nothing to do with the lumber yard. It was too insignificant. He said the signal shack near Lynne St by Saucon Park, attached to the end of the bridge, controlled the rail years. The signal defined the activity for Hellertown Station and the Rail Yard. Steve will speak to his neighbor to see if he can get a history on the usage. –

- 6) Bridge at Preston Lane

Diana was advised that they are awaiting letters of approval.

- 7) Events –

Brave for Brew already occurred. There are no applications to review. Tyler noted we will probably not see any until the spring.

- 8) E Bikes –

Steve brought in a demonstration bike. It is about as loud as a regular bike and can only go 20 mph. Steve noted that it is best to formally approve a class 1 cycle before the interpretation would be made that other classes would be permissible. We should be proactive for an approach that would accommodate people with disabilities. After discussion:

Motion made by Diane Inglis:

To recommend to the governing bodies to modify their trail rules to permit class 1 E Bikes that will adhere to a maximum speed of 20 mph and that the rider will be responsible to maintain control of the bike at all time.

Seconded by Roger Jurczak

Motion passed 6 – 0 (C. Gorman non-voting)

Steve said he would be available to explain to the Councils. Diana said it should be noted that the members tried the bike and their concerns regarding the bike have been explained. Diana said every municipality has different trail rules so we will need to address each municipality.

- 9) Rail Road signs –

Roger said at the last meeting we were discussing wooden vs. concrete. He has a quote for the wooden. Phil said he did not pursue the concrete quote as the discussion appeared that it would be too expensive.

Diana said that she heard that it could be an issue with Public Works Departments for the installation if it is concrete. Diana said that we need to pull together exactly what we want to do and get firm pricing.

10) Lower Saucon Township – Chamber of Commerce kiosk

It was reported that the kiosk was moved to the Trailhead property and off the trail. It will be removed from future agendas.

11) Lower Saucon Township – Redding Road Tree pruning

Roger said that the tree is marked as to where the pruning should be done. Roger said three years ago plantings were installed and now the trees overhanging are shading out the plantings. They marked where it should be pruned. Cathy said she will email Roger Rasich and Roger said if he needs to come out to have Roger R. call him.

12) Liberty Bell Connection – No update

13) Website And Facebook –

The business map used was done by the Valley Voice. Will need to follow up with Cathy Hartranft. Current map will be left on until a replacement is done. Not much activity on the website.

14) Directional Signs –

Phil said he believes the Hellertown directional and crossing signs are up.

15) 2019 Schedule –

Ruth questioned when a schedule will be available for 2019. Diana said she would work on it and send via email for approval because it was not ready. Discussion regarding officer appointments occurred. It was noted that although they appoint annually traditionally officers hold the position for 2 years. The vote for officers will happen at the next meeting and it should be on the agenda.

16) Minutes and Financial reports. No minutes were presented for approval. Financials were presented

Steve LaBrake motioned to approved the financials as reported.

Phil Weber seconded.

Motion passed 6-0 (C. Gorman no vote).

17) Next meeting January 28, 2019 in Coopersburg

Adjournment – 6:35 PM