

Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023
Upper Saucon Township

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Eric Bartosz.

B. Roll Call:

Eric Bartosz, President (Upper Saucon Township)
Jeremy Mack, Vice President (Coopersburg Borough)
Terri Fadem, Secretary (Hellertown Borough)
Peter Jarrett, Upper Saucon Township
Steve LaBrake, Hellertown Borough
Mark Inglis, Staff Liaison (Lower Saucon Council)
Tom Beil, Staff Liaison (Upper Saucon Township)
Eric Porter, Resident

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

A. Vision/Future Plans

1. Upper Bucks Rail Trail: There are no updates at this time.
2. Bethlehem Update: There are no updates at this time.

B. Trail Improvement Projects

1. "RR Signs" additions to signs: Funding sources, design and content are still being researched.
2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane: Bids will be solicited in 2023 and project will be scheduled in 2024.
3. Mile Marker status and update to complete SRT markers: Metal posts with markers are being considered. Steve LaBrake has the placards.

C. Upcoming Events

Motion by Steve LaBrake to approve the Synchronicity Recovery Foundation application for 9/10/2023. Seconded by Pete Jarrett. Motion passed.

D. Other Business

1. SRT Native Plant Garden: Gardens are currently dormant.
2. Saucon Rail Trail Market: The last sale generated a profit of \$360. There was discussion regarding scheduling pop up markets twice per year, creating a QR code and designing a banner.

3. Data collection of future events: Jeremy reported all data is ready to be transferred to the SRT website.
4. AMC club and survey: No discussion. Tabled for further clarification.
5. Donation: A donation was received from Vicky Richter on behalf of a friend that passed. The amount will be reflected in the next financial report.
6. Election of Officers/Re-election of Officers: Motion by Jeremy Mack to approve the following slate of officers: Eric Bartosz – President, Jeremy Mack – Vice President and Terri Fadem – Secretary. Seconded by Steve LaBrake. Motion passed.

E. Website / App

1. Website / App: There are no updates at this time.
2. Future Wordpress Update: Updates were made, some features are still not working.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Steve LaBrake to approve the meeting minutes of November 28, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Jeremy Mack. Motion passed.
- B. Financial Report: There was no financial report at the time of the meeting.
- C. Bills to Pay: There were no payments to approve at the time of the meeting.

VI. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

- A. By Municipality: There were no statement or updates.
- B. Other Business: Maintenance needed on the Hellertown Borough section of trail. The section north of Hellertown Station is holding water. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of asphalt to resurface.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eric Bartosz to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2023 at Hellertown Borough at 6:00 pm.