

## Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2023

Hellertown Borough Hall

### I. Opening

#### A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Eric Bartosz.

#### B. Roll Call:

Eric Bartosz, President (Upper Saucon Township)

Jeremy Mack, Vice President (Coopersburg)

Terri Fadem, Secretary (Hellertown Borough)

Mark Inglis, Lower Saucon Township

Sarah Sumoski, Hellertown Borough

Rebecca Miller, Lower Saucon Township

Cris Miller, Coopersburg Borough

Eric Boyer, Coopersburg Borough

Frank Thompson, Lower Saucon Township

Larry Sutton, Hellertown Historical Society

### II. Public Comment / Citizen Non-Agenda Items

Larry Sutton of the Hellertown Historical Society expressed an interest in raising awareness of the Grist Mill by installing a sign on the trail inviting people to the museum. **Motion** by Terri Fadem to add the Gristmill as a point of interest on the digital map. Seconded by Cris Miller. **Motion passed.**

### III. Public Comment Related to Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

### IV. Presentations / Trail Business

#### A. Vision/ Future Plans

1. Upper Bucks Rail Trail: There are no updates at this time.
2. Bethlehem Update – Greenway Trail Gap: Jeremy Mack will check with Steve LaBrake to inquire who his contact was.

#### B. Trail Improvement Projects

1. RR Signs: Eric Boyer reported he is gathering more historical information and continues to meet with historical societies for assistance with content. There will be a Facebook post requesting old photos from the public.
2. SRT Bridge over Preston Lane: There are no updates at this time.
3. Mile Marker Status: Jeremy Mack will arrange a time to pick up the markers from Steve LaBrake.

#### C. Upcoming Events

Scadaddle event planned for September 30<sup>th</sup>. There are no pending applications at this time.

D. Other Business

1. SRT Native Plant Garden: Garden is being maintained by volunteers.
2. Saucon Rail Trail Market: Online shop will be launched on Vistaprint in November. Local events are also being considered for pop up stores.
3. Data Collection of Future Events: There are no updates at this time.

E. Website / Facebook Updates

Jeremy Mack monitors and responds to all Facebook posts and messages. It was recently reported that the air pump at Bingen was malfunctioning. Pending investigation.

V. Miscellaneous Business Items

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes: **Motion** by Jeremy Mack to approve the meeting minutes of August 28, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Rebecca Miller. **Motion passed.**
- B. Financial Report as of August 31, 2023: **Motion** by Jeremy Mack to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Eric Bartosz. **Motion passed.** Jeremy Mack will call Coopersburg regarding their annual contribution.

VI. Commissioner Individual Statements and Updates

- A. By Municipality The Lutron 10K event went well. Terri Fadem is now monitoring the SRT email account for future applications.
- B. Other Business: Cris Miller reported Lehigh Hospital is looking to get involved with the Rail Trail. Cris was asked to have them reach out to Eric Bartosz.

VII. Adjournment

**Motion** by Jeremy Mack to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.