

Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024
Hellertown Borough

I. OPENING

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Eric Bartosz.

2. Roll Call:

Eric Bartosz, President (Upper Saucon Township)

Jeremy Mack, Vice President (Coopersburg)

Terri Fadem, Secretary (Hellertown Borough)

Frank Thompson, Lower Saucon Township

Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, Lower Saucon Township

Cris Miller, Coopersburg Borough

Dan Edelman, Lower Saucon Township

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

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There was no public comment on agenda items.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

1. Trail Improvements Projects: Peter Jarrett emailed that Springfield Township will be offering benches for people to purchase. They have a total of 8 locations to offer which will probably be available in the spring. Richland Township says that Bucks County will be putting out to bid an RFP for engineering and design of the trail extension from Veteran's Part into Quakertown.
2. Mile Marker Status: There are no updates at this time.
3. Geology Kiosks: Eric Bartosz reported that he sent the information regarding the signs along the marsh to Fossil and they are currently trying to locate the order. Cathy Hartranft advised the commission that Dennis Scholl was involved in the original project and may be able to provide information. Peter Jarrett emailed that he had been in contact with Frank Pizzaglia and will meet him the week of October 5 to move forward on the cleaning and rehabbing the geology signs. Peter will keep everyone in the loop and will coordinate the work with LST.
4. Native Plant Garden: Peter Jarrett emailed that things are winding down and plans already in the works for next year. The signage is greatly appreciated however it is not doing so well in the rain and elements. **Motion** by Eric Bartosz to order 3 replacement signs from Cheap Signs that are corrugated plastic. Seconded by Jeremy Mack. **Motion passed.**
5. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Fall Lutron 5K: **Motion** by Jeremy Mack to approve the event to start and finish on Lutron property on 10/10/2024 with a rain date of 10/17/2024. Seconded by Frank Thompson. **Motion passed.**
6. Other Business
 - a. Website/App: There are no updates at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Financial Contributions from Municipalities: Eric Bartosz drafted a letter to Upper Saucon Township, Hellertown and Coopersburg requesting 2024 financial contributions of \$1,000 per municipality.
2. Memorial Bench Donation: The Commission received an email inquiring about placing a memorial bench along the trail and what the price and available locations would be. Jeremy Mack will respond to the email information on the municipal guidelines.
3. Girl Scout Volunteer Project: The Girl Scouts in Saucon Valley Service Unit reached out to see if there are any upcoming events where the girls can earn service bars for volunteering. Jeremy Mack will respond to the email to arrange a trail clean up date.
4. Previous Meeting Minutes: **Motion** by Frank Thompson to approve the meeting minutes of August 26, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Cris Miller. **Motion passed.**
5. Financial Reports: **Motion** by Jeremy Mack to approve the Statement of Revenues and Expenses as of August 31, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Dan Edelman. **Motion passed.**

VI. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

1. By Municipality: Hellertown Borough is after \$618,464 in state gaming revenue to build a footbridge and path connecting the Saucon Rail Trail to Tumminello Park. No local match is required unless the grant isn't awarded in full, according to Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft.
2. Other Business: There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeremy Mack to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2024 at Coopersburg Borough at 6:00 pm.