

Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2025
Upper Saucon Township

I. OPENING

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

II. Roll Call

Eric Bartosz, President (Upper Saucon)
Jeremy Mack, Vice President (Coopersburg)
Sarah Sumoski, Secretary (Hellertown)
Dan Edelman, Lower Saucon
Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, Lower Saucon
Peter Jarrett, Upper Saucon

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments at this time.

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No comments at this time.

V. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

- A. Mile Marker Status – Jeremy Mack will share pictures prior to the next meeting to determine which signs will need a new structure.
- B. Trail Updates
 - i. Peter Jarrett shared the new Highlands Trail newsletter via email and will continue to do so.
 - ii. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro shared that sections of the trail have been closed for tree removal.
- C. Native Plant Garden
 - i. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro shared that Lower Saucon township would like to hold a recognition for Maryann. Eric proposes lunch and a recognition plaque from the SRT. Peter Jarrett will coordinate with Maryann for her availability.
 - ii. **Motion** Sarah Sumoski motions to approve funding up to \$75 for a plaque. Dan Edelman seconds. **Motion approved.**
 - iii. Jeremy Mack shares that there is a new volunteer to manage the native plant garden.
- D. Geology Kiosks - Peter Jarrett took photos, one disk needs to be replaced.
- E. Hellertown Marsh Signs - Eric Bartosz shared the call for sponsors flier to have the signs replaced in the new year.
- F. Bike Fix-it Station donation - Cement pad is poured at Upper Saucon Community Park. Station is ordered and just waiting on install. Once the fix-it station is installed SRT will work to install directional signs for its location.

VI. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Website/App

- i. SRT app was approved by Apple and is currently on the App store for Beta testing with Android to follow after.
 - ii. Eric Bartosz shared that he would like to have an open SRT apparel store included in the app and also on the website.
- B. E-mail Updates
 - i. Downed trees
 - ii. Horse on Trail
 - iii. Bench donation

VII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. **Motion** October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes - **Motion** Dan Edelman makes a motion to approve, Jeremy Mack seconds, **Motion Approved**
- B. **Motion** October 31, 2025 Financial Report – Jeremy Mack makes a motion to approve, Dan Edelman seconds, **Motion Approved.**
- C. **Motion** 2026 Meeting Schedule – Jeremy Mack makes a motion to approve, Dan Edelman seconds, **Motion Approved.**
- D. **Motion** 2026 Corporate FunRun event– Approved subject to proof of insurance. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro motions to approve pending insurance, Jeremy Mack seconds, **Motion Approved.**

VIII. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

- A. Eric Bartosz shared that the 12-month water fountain at Bingen was replaced with a seasonal version in 2023, which is why it is closed for the winter.
- B. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro shared that the proposed bathrooms at Bingen should be installed in 2026.
- C. Sarah Sumoski shared that Hellertown Borough received funding to build a connector bridge over the creek at Tumalino Park.
- D. Victoria shared there are two new council members for Lower Saucon and they may come to a SRT meeting to learn more.
- E. Peter Jarrett would like to include decals from the Highlands Trail on mile markers along the SRT. The Highlands Trail is between the Piedmont and Appalachian mountains. The trail is nearly complete from the Lehigh Valley to Connecticut. The Saucon Rail Trail is part of the Highlands Trail.
- F. The SRT should include signage to show where the Bethlehem Greenway begins and Saucon Rail Trail ends/begins. And also the watershed that you enter/leave once the connector is complete.
- G. Peter also shared the idea to label the Saucon Rail Trail where vehicle traffic travels below. Upper Saucon was not interested in that for the new Preston Lane bridge.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Peter Jarrett makes a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2026 at Upper Saucon Township at 6:00 pm.