

**Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2026**  
**Hellertown Borough**

**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)  
Frank Thompson, Lower Saucon  
Cris Miller, Coopersburg  
Peter Jarrett, Upper Saucon  
Gail Nolf, Hellettown  
Chad Heimbecker, Lower Saucon  
Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, Lower Saucon

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**A.** Mike Wadas, wants to know who is in charge of removing the dead trees and brush along the Rail Trail and inquired about volunteer opportunities. Eric Bartosz clarified that trail cleanup is done by each township.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT / AGENDA ITEMS**

**A.** Karl Turek, shared that adding lights to all road crossings would be helpful. Cris Miller responded that it is cost prohibitive in some intersections. Mr. Turek also would like to see more rules and speed limit signage along the trail given the increase in motorized bicycles.

**V. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS**

**A.** Mile Marker Status – project on hold from winter. Determining what posts will need to be replaced. Eric Bartosz shared an idea of emergency location markers. Peter Jarrett clarified that since the trail is more urban there isn't much of a need. Chad Heimbecker questioned if emergency call boxes would be beneficial and Eric responded that ambulances have access and 911 has been able to pinpoint locations when needed.

**B.** Trail Updates – Frank Thompson shared that the current timeline for the Bethlehem Greenway Connection is groundbreaking spring 2026 and completion in fall 2027. The Ribbon Cutting will be held at the Bethlehem Greenway, which provides an opportunity for an SRT ribbon cutting.

**C.** Native Plant Garden – No updates from Peter Jarrett. Chad Heimbecker offered his expertise to help as needed.

**D.** Geology Kiosks – Peter Jarrett ordered a stainless steel disk to replace at the Landis Mill site.

**E.** Hellertown Marsh Signs – Eric Bartosz shared that all sponsor checks have been received and ready to send first payment to Fossil. Designs are in progress and design proofs will be sent soon.

**1. Motion** to remit payment for Fossil signs. Frank Thompson motions to approve, Cris Miller seconds. **Motion approved.**

**2. Motion** to approve refund for designer fee for Fossil signs totaling \$147.21. Jeremy Mack motions to approve the reimbursement, Cris Miller seconds, **Motion Approved.** Eric Bartosz will find out a timeline for receiving the signs so we can aim to have them up by Heritage Day in May.

#### **VI. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Website/App-** Jeremy has made minor website updates. Apple denied the initial app approval, students are working to make the adjustments. Following this, an android app will be designed.

**B. E-mail Updates**

**1. invasive plants** – a citizen questioned if removal of invasive plants were planned. This will be shared with a previous public speaker looking to compile a volunteer list for such projects.

**C. Chad Heimbecker** asked about using a golf cart on the trail during Heritage Day. Rail Trail declined that as a possibility.

#### **VII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Motion** November 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes- Jeremy Mack makes a motion to approve the November meeting minutes and all Financial Reports, Frank Thompson seconds. **Motion Approved.**

**B. November 30 & December 31 2025, January 31, February 28, 2026 Financial Reports**

**1. Motion** Website renewal – Jeremy Mack made a motion to approve the website domain renewal. Cris Miller seconds. **Motion Approved.**

**2. Motion** Mental Health Awareness 5k, May 2, 2026 at Upper Saucon Community Park – Motion to approve made by Jeremy Mack, Cris Miller seconds, **Motion Approved.**

**3. Motion** Lutron Event: Motion to approve made by Frank Thompon, Sarah Sumoski seconds, **Motion Approved.**

**4. Motion** Eric Bartosz makes a motion to approve the current officers continuing their positions in 2026, Peter Jarrett seconds. **Motion Approved.**

#### **VIII. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES**

**A. Gail Nolf** will attend the Heritage Day meeting in April

**B. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro** will update with the status of the bathrooms at the Reading Trail Head during April's meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** Jeremy Mack motions to adjourn at 6:56 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2026 at Coopersburg Borough at 6:00 pm.