

Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2026
Lower Saucon Township

I. OPENING

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Eric Bartosz, President (Upper Saucon)
Sarah Sumoski, Secretary (Hellertown)
Gail Nolf, Hellertown
Chad Heimbecker, Lower Saucon
Peter Jarrett, Upper Saucon

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No new updates

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No new updates

V. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

A. Mile Marker Status – No new updates

B. Trail Updates – A tree fell in the Hellertown section closing the trail for a couple days, they have been removed and the trail is back open. No new updates on the Bethlehem Greenway connection. Peter Jarrett shares that some benches are going in on the Upper Bucks Trail near the SRT.

C. Native Plant Garden – Peter Jarrett contacted Jennifer Mack who plans to attend an upcoming meeting to relay the garden progress. It looks well maintained.

D. Geology Kiosks – No new updates

E. Reading Trail head Restrooms – Construction hasn't started on this project.

VI. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Website/App - Chad heimbecker has options for setting up an online store and will e-mail them out to commission members for review.

B. E-mail Updates – No new updates.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Motion June 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes (April 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes) – June meeting minutes not available. Chad Heimbecker makes a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Gail Nolf seconds, **Motion Approved.**

B. Motion June 30 & July 31, 2026 Financial Reports (April 30 & May 31, 2026) Meeting Minutes – Chad Heimbecker makes a motion to approve all four financial reports, Sarah Sumoski seconds, **Motion Approved.**

C. Motion Event Permits – Southern Lehigh School District Cross Country Meet – 10/6/2026, rain date 10/7 or 10/8 2026: Peter Jarrett makes a motion to approve pending insurance, Gail Nolf seconds, **Motion Approved.**

D. Motion Heart of an Angel 5k – 10/17/2026 – Peter Jarrett makes a motion to approve pending insurance. Chad Heimbecker seconds. **Motion Approved.**

VIII. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

A. Discussion regarding e-bikes safety. Discussed adding trail use signage throughout the trail. SRT will create the design, Eric Bartosz will get a quote for cost.

B. Chad Heimbecker questioned whether offering rental bikes would possible. Eric Bartosz shared that monetizing it is difficult, it has been discussed in the past, but not practical at this location.

C. Chad Heimbecker asked if there were events posted on a calendar on the SRT website and offered assistance with the website if needed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chad Heimbecker makes a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2026 at Hellertown Borough at 6:00 pm.