Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2026
Hellertown Borough

I. OPENING

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Eric Bartosz, President (Upper Saucon)
Sarah Sumoski, Secretary (Hellertown)
Peter Jarrett, Upper Saucon
Cris Miller, Coopersburg
Frank Thompson, Lower Saucon

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Two e-mails from the public regarding e-bike usage on the trails and bikers not dismounting before crossing roads.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT / AGENDA ITEMS

No new comments.

V. PRESENTATIONS / TRAIL BUSINESS

A. Mile Marker Status, Cris Miller will be taking over this project. Discussion to determine locations and have municipalities install them.
B. Trail Updates **–** Construction appears to have started on the Reading Drive restrooms. Frank Thompson is unsure of any progress on the Bethlehem connection.
C. Native Plant Garden **–** Peter Jarrett spoke spoke with Jennifer Mack who plans to attend the October meeting and will have the garden in dormancy for the winter. Frank Thompson shares that the garden looked lovely.
D. Geology Kiosks – They look fine, no further updates at this time.
E. Reading Trail Head Restrooms – See above.
F. Rules signage – Eric Bartosz plans to get a firm quote for 20 signs before moving forward. Plan is to put at least one per parking area, 2 in some locations such as at Water Street Park.

VI. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Website/App **–** e-mail data has been transferred to Sarah Sumoski. Chad Heimbecker will likely take over the website design. Further discussion will be held regarding the app.
B. E-mail Updates **–** see above for public comments through e-mail.
C. Clothing Store **–** Chad Heimbecker has finalized two options for the online clothing store. Sarah Sumoski will link him with the SRT e-mail address to receive official quotes. Frank Thompson questioned the worth of a store front when the SRT mission should be safety and experience. Cris Miller shares that the purpose is engagement with the community; and all are in agreement on the store needing to run itself after setup.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. August 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes (No June minutes) – Sarah Sumoski makes a motion to approve, Frank Thompson seconds, motion approved.

B. August 31, 2026 Financial Report – Sarah Sumoski motions approve finanial report, Peter Jarrett seconds, motion approved.

I. Cris Miller will be contacting Coopersburg Borough regarding their annual contribution, which is needed for 2025 and 2026.

C. Event Permits:

I. Motion Southern Lehigh Library/Upper Saucon Environmental Advisory Council: 11/21/2026 – Peter Jarrett makes a motion to approve, Sarah Sumoski seconds. **Motion approved.**

II. Motion Lutron 5k: October 10/1/2026 – Peter Jarrett makes a motion to approve, Sarah Sumoski seconds. **Motion approved.**

VIII. COMMISSIONER INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS & UPDATES

A. Jeremy Mack is resigning from the commission leaving an opening for Vice President.

B. Peter Jarrett shares that the SRT is part of the Highlands Trail, we were previously contacted about adding the Appalachian Mountain Club/Highlands Trail logo to our marker posts. He will reach out to the group for their input.

C. Peter Jarrett shares that on the south side of the trail there are several yard signs for fundraisers. Those signs are not permitted on the trail. Cris Miller commented that he moves them off the trail, but they are still visible.

D. Discussion on large group gatherings, such as the Southern Lehigh Run Club, that has grown in numbers. Cris Miller will make the contact to keep communication open with them for safety and also any conflicting events that may occur.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Frank Thompson makes a motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2026 at Coopersburg Borough at 6:00 pm.