

SAUCON RAIL TRAIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Monday, February 23, 2015
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Upper Saucon Township

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order:** Peter Jarrett welcomed everyone
- B. Roll Call:** Lower Saucon Township: Roger Jurczak, Jack Cahalan
Hellertown Borough: Steve Labrake, Cathy Hartranft
Upper Saucon Township: Peter Jarrett, Diana Inglis, Joseph Geib

II. Reorganization

- A. Election of President** The representatives in attendance voted unanimously to waive the rules and grant Peter Jarrett the opportunity to serve a second consecutive term as President.
Peter accepted the nomination, and was unanimously approved.
- B. Election of Vice President** The representatives in attendance voted unanimously to waive the rules and grant Roger Jurczak the opportunity to serve a second consecutive term as Vice President.
Roger accepted the nomination, and was unanimously approved.
- C. Election of Secretary.**
Diana Inglis accepted the nomination, and was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment/Citizen Non-Agenda Items - None

IV. Public Comment/Related to Agenda Items Below - None

V. Presentations/Trail Business

A. United Friends School 5k

- 1. Representatives from United Friends School were in attendance to request approval for a 5k race on the Saucon Rail Trail for May 30. The Commission granted approval, and noted that the Color Run portion of the race shall have no more than 2 stations, and have them not be located near any homes on the Trail.

B. Vision/Future Plans

1. Springfield & Richland Township Update

Peter Jarrett described the efforts that John Brunner and the AMC have been making regarding the Bucks County extension. Significant headway has been made, and both Richland and Springfield Townships are working with the AMC and SEPTA to negotiate a lease agreement. If things progress fast, Coopersburg Borough and Upper Saucon Township will need to construct their unfinished portions in 2016.

2. Bethlehem Greenway Update

A number 1 priority for the City of Bethlehem is to connect with the Saucon Rail Trail. A direct connection may not be possible, due to the Norfolk-Southern lease. They have presented numerous spur routes to connect these two areas around the current leaseholder.

They are also working with PennDOT to get a walking path constructed over the Fahy bridge.

C. Trail Improvement Projects

1. Reading Drive Trailhead Nature Path

The kiosk and meadow were installed in the fall and early winter. The walking path will be on hold, until they figure out the bathroom project with the trailhead.

2. Signal

Due to the cold weather, the signal project has been on hold most of the winter. The light has been disassembled, and is in storage at the Grist Mill. Roger and the Historical Commission folks would like to work on the signal a few Saturdays per month in order to make progress. Roger requested up to \$100 in funding from the Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission to purchase grinder wheels to use to disassemble the parts, so they can be prepped and painted.

3. Mile Markers

The lumber has been cut, and they are waiting to be routed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business Items

A. Previous Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2014

The minutes for October were approved on a motion from Roger, seconded by Steve, and approved by all.

B. Financial Report

Jack said that the balance in the SRTOC fund at the end of January was \$11,653.05. The only bill paid was for \$28 to advertise for donations. There were some additional donations for the signal project.

On a motion by Roger, seconded by Steve, and approved by all, the **Commission approved to waive the municipal dues for 2015.**

On a motion by Steve, seconded by Roger, and approved by all, **the Commission accepted the February Financial Report.**

C. Bills to Pay (if any) –

None

VII. Commissioner Individual Statements & Updates

A. By Municipality

- i. **Lower Saucon Township** The Planner wrote the invasive species management plan for the Lower Saucon Township section of the Trail. The report is similar to the watershed and creek management plan.
- ii. **Hellertown Borough** The Spring Cleanup Day will be held April 25, from 9am – 12pm, originating from Grist Mill Park. Cathy will do the necessary coordination. Water Street Park will be closed for renovations in 2015.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. Next meeting 3-23-15 Lower Saucon Township