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Brian Sell, Chairman

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Brad Koontz, Treasurer

Mary Jo Casalena, Asst Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting Minutes – July 12th 2024

Meeting attendance Jim Wehling, Sean Bardell, Mary Jo Casalena,
Brad Koontz, and Carey Nycum-Foor via Teams

Meeting was brought order at 8:06 meeting

2. Review & Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June Casalena motion to approve and Koontz second

3.. Public Comment-None

4. New Business

- A. Wehling brought up author Sherry Light. She writes children's books that would be a good fit for the story walk on the trail- They are outdoors books aimed at 3-6 year olds, and the author has a concept that she would like to present. Jim invited her to a board meeting.

5. Northern Trail update:

- A. Update- Marker Discs- Still waiting on more authorization forms looking to see if we need to coordinate with Aarons Weiler's project
- B. Update- Bridge across Cumberland (Texas) Run.- Talked to Brian Smith and getting this looked at to due a check feasibility
- C. Update- Repairs to trail - We are waiting on invoice, work is completed. Does need a little finishing work. Joe Casalena has volunteered to do finishing work.
- D. Update- Donation from AHAR for bike racks-proof for plaque has been sent to us need to review and order and check has been sent for cost of bike racks
- E. Proposal from Willy Snyder about metal sculpture on pinch point-no update
- F. Long Term resolution for Northern Extension pinch point flooding zone- Wehling is looking into what is the best plan and needs to have someone come out to give some quotes and looking into any funds that may be available from conservation district

6. Amenities / Sponsorship Plan for Northern Extension

- A. Update- Mini Grant -two benches have been ordered 4085 quote for 6 benches 13000 with delivery little more than what was planned in grant. Looking into a different kind of plaque Wehling got quotes they are blue with white letter id graphic.
- B. Update- Fundraising for Northern Extension:
Form(s) for fundraising on SWHT website
- C. Update- Story Walk- new temporary story on the Northern extension.
- D. Update on educational Displays- Wehling got a cost est from Doug can order waiting on

grant.

E. Memorial trees- opportunity to work with other groups and businesses.

67 trees have been applied from the Woodland, Casalena has placed an order for us for the Northern extension of 15 winterberry holly bushes 15 dog woods and the remainder are trees that would become mature trees all native. Should know in Sept if we will receive any of the trees requested. Will need to evaluate the root system to make sure placement is far enough away from trail.

7. Weber Lane Update - Updates-None

8. General Business-

A. Treasury Board Opening- Jeb Keggs appointed new treasure

Bike Rack and Two Benches for cost of \$7,197 Bardell motioned Nycum-Foor seconded.

9. Old Business-

A. Update- Aaron Weiler Eagle Scout Project- 5 mile set for markers koontz motioned to approve purchase and Bardell second.

B. Updates- Dam removal from American Rivers - things are moving and the engineering firm is looking at what needs to be done and hopes for a plan from this by fall. Would like to talk with Stiffler & McGraw to make sure they understand our plans vs. Rivers plans to try to make sure all is in alignment.

C. Boat Launch- No updates

10. Reports of Officers

• Chairman -

• Vice Chairman-

• Secretary-Treasurer - bird nature club- 10 blue bird boxes and had a trail mowed off for the start of the project working on educational signs looking for inexpensive options and they are planning some benches for inside this trail. Casalena can not be in attendance for August due to family vacation.

• Secretary- Nycum-Foor announced that she may be transferring to South Carolina with her job and will need to step back from the Board if transfer takes place.

• Treasurer - Koontz gave a treasury report and the non renewal insurance issue is being worked on.

Next Meeting will be **Aug 9th @ 8:00 a.m.** At the Bedford Borough Office, 244 W. Penn St., Bedford, PA

Meeting adjourned 9:10