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Brian Sell - Chairperson
Sean Bardell - Vice Chairperson
Marie Russo Favatella - Secretary
Jeb Kegg - Treasurer
Mary Jo Casalena - Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2024

- 1) **Bring Meeting to Order** - Brian brought the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. In attendance Brian Sell, Sean Bardell, Marie Russo Favatella, Jeb Kegg, Nate Roadman, Jim Wehling and Jeff Claycomb. Absent: Mary Jo Casalena.
- 2) **Review and Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Prior Month** - Jeb made motion to approve; Sean 2nd it.
- 3) **Public Comment** - none
- 4) **New Business**
 - a) SAP & DC Mini-grant - Jim presented a mini grant to Brian to sign for approval. Keystone is Co-star approved to purchase from; prices presented are Co-star approved. When we start bidding there needs to be a bidding threshold which is somewhere between \$10,000 - \$15,000 for total items.
 - b) Mini-grant Implementation & Fundraising Plan - Idea is to get amenities on trail and to do fundraising for maintenance of trail and to designate trail thru borough. Grant is a 50/50 match. Nothing in grant for signage; Jim suggested adding. No bicycles painted on the streets yet; this will be new for the borough. State did a survey for the borough. Called a "bike boulevard". Idea is to put a bicycle symbol in travel lanes. Does not affect parking. Some streets have good sight lines, but others don't. A lot of lead time needed on benches. Price difference on discs between aluminum and brass. Aluminum includes UV protection, but can break down sooner. Can reuse them, if needed, should the sidewalks need to be replaced. Lead time for benches is ~6 months. Order sample ones so BOD can see them during the next meeting. Sold about 250 plaques for the other section of the trail.
 - c) Trail Maintenance - Need to remove trash from under bypass.
 - d) Rotary Peace Pole - Rotary Clubs have district conferences. At each one, Rotary likes to do something in the community. Stands about 4-4.5' out of ground. Springs TrailHead is suggested as a good location near the bike rack or repair station or near the bridge. Rotary is into conflict resolution. Rotary will install it during an installation ceremony, likely on 3.25.25. Doesn't require much maintenance. Brian made motion to install; Jeb 2nd it. All approved it.
- 5) **Northern Trail**
 - a) Marker Update - no report
- 6) **Amenities/Sponsorship Plan for Northern Trail Extension**
 - a) Weber Lane - tied in with what we covered; has to do with the next extension. Need to talk with Bob Salathe owns property near Weber Lane and Route 220. Need to be on the

Southside of Weber Lane, due to traffic. A bunch of tires were pushed over a hill; Winglee would like BJMA to remove it in exchange for use of property. Township is concerned about a trail near Weber Lane.

7) General Business

- a) Vice Chair Opening - Nate's approval needs to be sent to Bedford Township.

8) Old Business

- a) Weber Lane Extension - covered above.
- b) OBV Boat Launch - Bedford Leadership Class developing plan.
- c) Trail Video - Sean spoke with Aaron.
- d) Storyboard Walk - we're ready to go. Need to determine the starting point; for how the storybook flows. Clearfield Street not suggested due to limited parking. Motion was made to approve and order them. Jeb made a motion and Sean 2nd it.
- e) Dam Removal from American Rivers - Boro in permit process. No utilities in the lower dam.

9) Officers' Reports Not Covered Above

- a) Chairperson - This September will be the 10 year anniversary for the 1st section of the trail. Suggested celebratory event. Kayak launches would be a beneficial addition.
- b) Vice Chairperson - Monument stack stone to honor people who started a trail for those who did something that's permanent due to laying the foundation. Possible mountain bike project.. Bedford Borough Municipal Authority owns land - add some trails 1100 acres no one is permitted on including near the reservoir , which adjoins game lands and runs nearly to the Mason Dixon Line. Single track is much better, especially for mountain biking. Cumberland Road is a huge flat spot. Preferably at the trailhead. Started the trail 15 years ago.
- c) Treasurer - see attachment
- d) Secretary - no report
- e) Secretary-Treasurer - no report

Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Next meeting will be on **Friday, January 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Bedford Borough Office, 244 W Penn St. Bedford, PA 15522.