



## Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2016

### Attendance:

Guests: Jim Wehling - Bedford Borough

Board: Koontz, Leibfreid, Casalena, Sell

- A. Call Meeting to Order: 8:22 AM by Sell
- B. Review & Approval of February 2016 minutes.  
Motion to approve, Josh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad
- C. Public Comment
- D. Old Business
  1. Amenities update –
    - Bulletin Board (not ordered yet, \$3,600; Omni Bedford Springs will contribute, perhaps \$1,000).
    - Sponsorship from Fiore (plaque recognition will be on 3 sides).
    - Dull ordered benches, trash cans, dog waste bag dispensers.
    - Wehling sent photo of bridge supporters to Juli for her to send to plaque maker.
  2. Educational Signage (fabricated) Content –
    - Mary Pat has historical content (for Mill & Aarondale Hotel).
    - Order after grant received & fee structure established.
    - Get outdoors and play provided narrative for wetlands and native vs. exotic species.
    - Board that will hold map – haven't started yet.
  3. Landscaping / Plantings Discussion –
    - Wehling working with Guy Stotlemeyer, & met with Shane Vent regarding species content – native species that will thrive in various conditions (deer & salt tolerant). Much growth has begun already & Wehling flagged plants to keep.
    - Bedford County Conservation District to fund \$2,000 of cost.
    - REI will volunteer labor.
  4. REI mini-grant application –
    - Entitled "Bike racks and native plants addition to BHT". Requesting \$3,000.
    - Wehling provided a draft for board to review/comment on by March 21. Application due April 1.
    - Sell suggested adding survey results, which Wehling will do.
  5. Grants status -
    - SAP&DC Mini-Grant-Approved – March 21, 10am, Bedford, meet Lindsay Pyle, Regional Planner. Sell & Wehling will attend. Sign contract and discuss logistics of grant, \$15,000 w/\$15,000 match from BJMA. Will pay for Smith's fence, bulletin boards, graphic art work, and installation of all.
    - DCED – withdrew application for amenities funding under GTRP. Natural gas impact fees have decreased significantly and unsure of future funds. Board will focus on larger grant with GTRP for Phase 2. Letter sent by Sell on March 4, copy sent to Ressler, Rep. Wozniak & Topper.
    - DCED – funding to update study for trail North from Fort Bedford Park (\$41,000). No update on application status. Prior study did not include wetland assessment and how to handle the use of private properties at southern end of trail, and regulations have changed since then. Most of

previous study must be redone (public meetings, extension to Friendship Village, delineate wetlands because previous study had trail on federal ROW instead of through Wehling property where wetlands exist). 1980 study was emailed to Board – estimated cost then was \$250K.

- Current DCNR grant – most has been spent.
6. Omni Bedford Springs parking signage –
    - Two Omni Bedford Springs signs installed. Township signs to be installed.
  7. Ethics Forms – most board members have submitted.

#### E. New Business

1. Installation of benches, trash cans & signage –
  - No formal bid process necessary.
  - Discussion on excavation required, concrete, handicap accessibility.
  - Wehling will contact Dull on when benches will be delivered: 8 benches, 8 bronze plaque, 2 trash cans – ordered Jan 12, 8-9 week delivery. Should be delivered in 2 weeks, to Twp. Janie knows they were ordered. Koontz to notify her when delivery date is known.
2. Bulletin boards will be ordered after mini grant signed.
3. Trail Maintenance –
  - Borough removed undesirable tree/shrub species.
  - Volunteers cleaned up trash and gravel from winter. Trying to leave redbuds and other desirable species.
  - Draft maintenance plan being updated constantly throughout first year to address unforeseen maintenance items, and finalize plan after one year of experience behind us.

#### F. Reports of Officers

- Chairman – Semiannual update provided to DCNR. 97% complete. Seeding will be done in spring (by Smith property, some mulch bags taken care of). Wehling will contact Fiore as to when planting will occur.
- Secretary – Prior to meeting noted that there is water in some of bollards – Wehling will use digging bar & maul to try to break through some of concrete to drain the water and will report back as to progress.
- Treasurer – Letter received from Southern Alleghenies, Fence sponsorships received – now up to 10. Report submitted. Interest for line of credit loan of \$15 – Sell made motion to pay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leibfreid. \$2,000 bill sent to Fiore for bulletin board sponsorship. Screws for fence sponsorship have rusted – Wehling will replace with stainless steel screws.
  - Funds deposited:
    1. Fat Jimmy's \$2,000
    2. Teeter Group Foundation \$1,000
    3. Fence \$540
    4. Interest \$8
  - Total Disbursements:
    1. Interest \$15
  - Accounts Receivable:
    1. Leonard S. Fiore Inc. \$2,000
  - Current balances:  
Checking \$5,580  
Savings \$53,707

G. Motion by Leibfreid to adjourn at 9:30 AM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casalena. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be April 8th, 2016.