



Meeting Minutes January 8, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD: Ressler, Koontz, Sell, Lorah, Casalena

GUESTS: Jim Wehling (Volunteer); Brian Smith (KEI)

- A. Call Meeting to Order - Sell called meeting to order 8:00 AM via ZOOM
- B. Review & Approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes as revised with status on SAP&DC grant agreement by Sell, 2nd by Koontz. Meeting Minutes approved.
- C. Public Comment
 1. KEI - Brian Smith - Northern Extension Update - provided by Brian.
 - NPDES and Joint permits not yet submitted. Will now need a recovery schedule with PennDOT to make sure we stay on schedule for proposed bid & construction.
 - DEP has a new form for stormwater. DEP keeps changing their forms and requiring a lot of extra work & input of data.
 - Hoping to submit in January 2021.
 - Will then await comments on the permit.
 - Final design continuing now & during permit review process.
 - Mike Felix from Bedford County Conservation District being very supportive
 2. Update on Easements - Jim Wehling
 - OBV easement - Still waiting for a response from Brad Allison. OBV approved.
 - Don Arnold Easement - Waiting for response from Don Arnold.
 - Unclaimed parcel still needs to be addressed.
- D. New Business
 - Landscaping on Winglee property at OBV Trailhead - will need to make sure this is addressed in Final Design.
 - Winglee next phase - Wehling provided an update on the next phase and conversations with DCNR.... Peter had a conference call with Lori Yeich, our regional contact at DCNR, on December 11 to explore possible match sources for a C2P2 grant application for the old RR bed portion of the trail to Weber Lane. Lori was very helpful. The most important of her suggestions is an offer to pursue with her DCNR superiors an idea she had. She suggested that DCNR might consider the existing funding of \$2.5M as the match for a construction design/construction funding grant for the trail portion between the Sawblade trailhead and Weber Lane as an extension of an ongoing project. She will need from us the information listed below. *The first step, however, is to obtain BJMA approval to pursue this idea at this coming Friday's meeting.* Lori said that the information we have from Keller, that is, the route mapped out, and wetlands and flood plain identified is sufficient design detail at present to support a C2P2 construction design/construction funding grant application. To pursue her suggestion, we need to provide the following information:
 1. Map of the entire trail, which we have.
 2. Keller Engineering map of the northern extension, which we have.
 3. The PennDOT letter allocating \$2.5M for the northern ext, which we have.
 4. Keller Engineering map of the Winglee section, which we have.

5. A letter from the PennDOT project manager (Nicki Donahoe or Raymond Seese) delineating the construction timetable (permitting and construction?) for the segment between Ft. Bedford Park and the trailhead at Sawblade Road. She would also like to see the construction timeframe on a map attached to that letter. We need to contact PennDOT to obtain this letter.

Motion by Sell to engage Wehling at his standard volunteer rate to explore the funding opportunity with DCNR for the Sawblade to Weber Lane phase. 2nd by Ressler. Approved. Wehling will gather the necessary documentation. Ressler will contact PennDot to request item 5.

- Parking across from Weber Lane - April reported on conversation with Jeff Rush from JLG regarding possible use of a portion of their parking lot for trail parking. JLG is supportive of the project but cannot allocate any of their parking for use as a trailhead due to current capacity issues. He suggested use of the parcel owned by Bedford Township between them and Penn Detroit Allison as a possible option for us to consider. Will review & consider.

E. Old Business

1. Trail Surface - Jim reported the surface at Springs end is much better. Conditions haven't been favorable enough for brushing. Suggested ask Township do rolling on the Elks end a few times during the winter. Consider dust in future. Wehling will reach out to Bedford Twp Supervisors. Mary will reach out to DCNR for specifications on trail surface improvements used on Lakeside Trail at Shawnee.
2. Boat Launch - No further update at this time.
3. SAP&DC Grant Agreement - We have received the final executed grant agreement.

F. Reports of Officers

- Chairman -
- Vice Chairman -
- Secretary -
- Treasurer - See attached Treasurer's Report, KEI Contract amendment #5 to add the \$3,000 for Infiltration Testing to contract. Brad will send it to Brian for signature. Ethics forms are due to the respective Borough / Township; Brad prepared SAP&DC reimbursement request for \$19,285 which is half the mini-grant. Will be used to pay KEI for additional design costs. Brad also prepared the attached 2020 Year End Financials. The 2021 Budget was also presented, though the donation amount will be amended. Motion by Ressler to pay bills and approve all financial documents, 2nd by Sell. Motion approved.
- Secretary-Treasurer - suggested organizing a volunteer clean up effort to gather the trash along the corridor from Sawblade to Weber Lane. Discussion about focusing on the Thomas or JLG/Weber Lane end first. Mary Jo will talk to the Conservation District about tire clean up & work to organize efforts for a Spring cleanup in the general corridor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Next Meeting will be February 12th @ 8:00 AM via ZOOM

BJMA Treasurer's report
1/8/2021

Current checking	82,893
Current savings	<u>325</u>

Total	<u>83,218</u>
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Income

Fence plaques	255
Interest	<u>11</u>

Total	<u>266</u>
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Disbursements

KEI	13,991
Landis Graphic Design	155
Bedford Gazette	25
P/S Printing	<u>60</u>

Total	<u>14,231</u>
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Transfers

Accounts receivable

Credit card rebates	<u>27</u>
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