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

Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2025

- 1) **Bring Meeting to Order** - Nate brought the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. In attendance were Nate, Marie, Jeb, Mary Jo, Jim Wehling and Jeff Claycomb. Sean was absent.
- 2) **Review and Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Prior Month** - Mary Jo made a motion to approve the minutes; Jeb seconded this. All were in favor.
- 3) **Public Comment** - None.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) Mini-grant Implementation & Fundraising Plan - Jim said we're moving ahead with 2024 Southern Alleghenies mini-grant. Will do aluminum, not bronze, plaques. Jim turned over educational displays to Mary-Pat to do pictorials. Graphics work and printing for 9 docents would not exceed more than \$900; half will be paid for by the grant. We still have 3 benches to sell. Plaques were ordered for the 3 most recent benches sold.
 - b) Trail Maintenance - It's being mowed; mowing will likely stop or decrease. One of the rains came up to the trail for the 2nd time in a year. Losing land as vegetation was previously removed. Will have Keller Engineers come out to assess.
 - c) Northern Trail - Jeb spoke with Bob Salthe; he wants to rent it, not sell, his land. Asking for 10% per year based on an estimated value of \$100,000 with increasing increments. Jim suggested we pay a set amount up front.
 - d) Dam Removal from American Rivers - Is supposed to be done during the 2nd or 3rd week in August; needs to be completed by September 30th. It can be done in 3 days or one week.
 - e) Mountain Bike/Hiking Project - Sean got approval for it. Joe Casalena's proposal is to look at some dates at the end of August or in September. He'd like to get it done all at once by working full days, as he does not want to leave large equipment there. He plans to mark other trails in August.
 - f) Recognition of Founding Members - no update. The 10th anniversary of the trail is September 25, 2026. So, we would like to have it ready by then. Sean found a nice rock, but it is too big for the excavator to lift and haul; however, he has another possibility. Working with Tyler Fetter.
 - g) Bridge across Cumberland Run - Borough has not discussed relocation of the trail to follow the river with the 9 property owners, including apartment building owner, Joe Williams.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) OBV Fishing Access - Dead issue. Jim went to OBV's meeting last evening. Homeless people are sleeping on the benches, as well as urinating and defecating along the trail. It

seems to be a rare occurrence.

- b) Engineering Study at Pinch Point (Rt 30 to I-99 Interchange) - Previously covered.
- 6) **Officers' Reports Not Covered Above**
 - a) Chairperson - none
 - b) Vice Chairperson - none
 - c) Treasurer - Jeb presented the monthly report, with bills needing to be paid for mowing of \$625 and e-bike only signs for \$150. Mary Jo made a motion to approve and Nate seconded it. All were in favor.
 - d) Secretary - none
 - e) Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - none

Nate closed the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

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