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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 - September 12, 2025

- 1) **Bring Meeting to Order** - Sean brought the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. In attendance were Sean, Marie, Jeb, Jim Wehling and Jeff Claycomb. Nate participated via phone. Mary Jo was absent.
- 2) **Review and Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Prior Month** - Jeb made a motion to approve minutes. Nate seconded it.
- 3) **Public Comment** - None.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) Mini-grant Implementation & Fundraising Plan -
 - i) *Discs (sidewalks)* - Haven't made a lot of progress. Met with Kris Schaale, but her schedule is busy. Seeking someone else to work on this.
 - ii) *Bike symbols on Simpson & Juliana Streets* - Provided symbols to borough. Ask the borough to buy paint; BJMA will reimburse them. Jim has updated the Shuster Heritage Trail sign design.
 - iii) *Educational display docents* - Jim received the last docent wording.
 - iv) *Educational display installation* - Jim and Jeff will complete the concrete work in the upcoming month or two.
 - v) *Reimbursement, grant related costs* - May have enough money to cover other costs, including the 4" aluminum discs. Decide on a plaque for the educational displays, possibly mount aluminum ones.
 - b) Trail Maintenance - Mowed once in August. The trail is looking good on both ends.
 - c) Northern Trail - Same place we have been with Bob Salthe. Possibly consider the Weber Lane site instead. To be continued.
 - d) Dam Removal from American Rivers - Completed. <REMOVE>
 - e) Mountain Bike/Hiking Project - Anticipate work to be done during the next month or two.
 - f) Recognition of Founding Members - Founding Members: April Ressler, Brad Koontz, Brian Sell, Josh Leibfreid and Mary Jo Caslena. Will tie into the 10 year anniversary. Sean found a rock, but the hauler company is busy. Rock should be flat enough for a plaque to be placed on it.
 - g) Bridge across Cumberland Run - Haven't heard anything further from Keller Engineering. survey is pending.
 - h) Engineering Study at Pinch Point (Rt 30 to I-99 Interchange) - Have suggestions from Keller. Need more discussion.
 - i) Rutter's Lot - Rutters donated 1 acre of land to be used as a boat and kayak launch. BJMA will hold on to it for now as a potential trailhead in the future.

5) **New Business**

- a) 10 Year Anniversary - Light refreshments were discussed; cupcakes and bottled water will be provided. Bill Shuster, Brian Sell, Sean Bardell and Jim Wehling will speak and possibly someone from the borough and township will do so too.
- b) Trail parking signs along 115 & N. Davidson Street - Jim will get them installed.
- c) Pink Ribbon Fund Walk - The request to allow participants to walk the trail was discussed. Sean made a motion to approve; Jeb seconded it. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6) **Officers' Reports Not Covered Above**

- a) Chairperson - None
- b) Vice Chairperson - None
- c) Treasurer - Jeb removed the donations from the donation boxes. The total amount was \$81 for a 2 month period; 2 of the bills were eaten by the bees. Always more money in the donation box by the Omni Bedford Springs, than at the one by the Elks. There are no donation boxes on the Northern Trail.
- d) Pay for Cincinnati \$1,473 was approved. Brad Secler's bill to dig holes for trees, the storybooks for \$1,715 and \$312.50 for Spring Maintenance. Marie made a motion to approve; Sean seconded it.
- e) Secretary - Rebar 2 feet in height is sticking out of the ground at the Northern end of the trail to stop the gate from hitting the sign display. Suggest something is needed to prevent it from causing potential injury. Some suggestions were to place an end cap on it and/or an orange cone over top of it.
- f) Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - None

Sean brought the meeting to a close at 9:01 a.m.

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

BJMA Treasurer's report
10/10/2025

Current checking	504.21
Current savings	<u>78,134.90</u>
Total	<u>78,639.11</u>

Income

Reimbursement	0.00
Donation Box	0.00
Interest	<u>186.75</u>
Total	<u>186.75</u>

Disbursements

Spring to Fall Lawn Maint. - 1 Mowing	312.50
Total	<u>312.50</u>

Accounts receivable

Credit card rebates	74.00
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Accounts payable