



Meeting Minutes September 9, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD: Sell, Lorah, Ressler, Koontz, Casalena

GUESTS: Jim Wehling (Volunteer/landowner), Misty Hizer (Bedford Borough), Dave Wolfhope (PennDOT)

- A. Bring Meeting to Order & Attendance - Meeting Called to order by Sell at 8:02,
- B. Review & Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from August 2022 - Motion by Casalena to approve as submitted with type correction, 2nd by Koontz. Meeting minutes approved.
- C. Public Comment
 1. Northern Trail Extension Construction Update - provided by Dave Wolfhope

Completion Date: 07/28/2023, (Contractor hopes to be substantially complete this construction season, aka around Thanksgiving)

Completed work: Aluminum Plate Box Culvert installed

Approximately 30% of work completed with about 75-80% of the trail "roughed in"

Ongoing work: Working on wetland crossings and French mattresses for NPDES permit.

Pedestrian truss structure work near Old Bedford Village entrance:

Abutment 1, footer concrete placed. Preparing forms and steel reinforcement for abutment and wing wall concrete placement.

Abutment 2, footer concrete was scheduled for 9/8/22 but postponed due to high water conditions

Project issues:

The incorrect estimated quantity for Seeding and Soil Supplements – Formula L, Including Mulch: This item was underestimated in the original contract. Plan quantity was 143LB with the Contract Unit Price = \$60/LB with revised needed quantity of 1280LB from Keller Engineers. This would be considered a design omission, which means a portion of the quantities needed to construct the project were omitted. The quantities will be added by work order. On most items, the contractor is held to contract prices for plus or minus 25% of the plan quantity. Beyond plus or minus 25% (normal variation) either side (contractor or owner) can ask for an adjusted price.

Project would be responsible up to 125% at contract price 143LB (plan quantity) x 1.25 = 178.75 LB

178.75 LB (125%) – 143 LB (plan quantity) = 35.75 LB x \$60/LB = \$2,145.00

1280 LB – 178.75 LB = 1,101.25 LB x \$XX.XX/LB = \$ XX.XX (quantity over 125% at reduced unit cost)

No new information currently - Plum is trying to get pricing for this.

Additional Streambank Damage/Repairs:

Permit approval received Wednesday (08/10/2022) for additional streambank protection for damages caused by Hurricane Ida last fall and heavy rains earlier this year. Repairs will be needed to protect the integrity of the trail. This repair work was not included in the original contract because it was not discovered until just prior to the work beginning. To complete this work, additional quantities of items already in the contract will have to be added (Class 2 Excavation, Rock Class R-8, Geotextile, Class 4, Type A). One new item, Temporary Channel Diversion Device 4, will need to be added. The cost for the temporary channel diversion should be substantially lower than for the channel diversion for the original streambank protection work because the contractor will use the same concrete barriers just moving them downstream for the added work. Using the quantities prepared by Keller Engineers the estimated cost is \$38,500.

Plum's surveyor staked out the water diversion as submitted and approved under the GP-3. The stake out revealed that more of the streambank had eroded than previously thought. Doing the work as submitted would require more material to fill in behind the R-8 rock slope protection adding cost. In addition, this would create a slight bulge out into the new channel. This could lead to issues in future highwater conditions and jeopardize the long-term stability of the streambank and trail. To mitigate this and to address the utility pole guy wire within the trail footprint, we discussed trail alignment shift to minimize issues at the chokepoint Keller prepared preliminary alignment and is working on more details for further review prior to discussing the proposed changes with the permitting agencies. Dave brought a sample proposed new alignment for our review. This will require a change to the easement on Jim Wehling's property and in the interim an authorization letter from Jim Wehling to access this area is required and is now signed and received.

Added costs:

We have had some minor overruns on few items, the wetland crossing pipes (discussed previously), some geotextile material at the French mattress locations not included in the plan and the added quantity of protective fence at the Allegheny Electric Cooperative pole locations. I don't believe any of these items will be beyond 125% of plan quantity. There could be more items with overruns as we proceed through the project.

Potential savings:

We will realize some savings by eliminating the computer and equipment package items by using Stiffler McGraw's office and internet. We also were able to extend a few of the pipes without using concrete pipe collars because the contractor was able to match the existing pipes. Several pipes that were to be cleaned were open and functioning. We may be able to realize some savings on the topsoil items. We seem to be finding more topsoil available on the project than expected and will try use more of the onsite material rather than the more expensive Topsoil Furnished and Placed item. We could identify more items with some savings as we proceed through the project.

If water conditions cooperate, some of the streambank protection may be performed without the need for water diversion installation.

Temporary Access Road may be left in which would also provide some savings.

D. New Business

1. Amenities / Sponsorship Plan for Northern Extension
 - i. Plan to likely push to November so we can walk the trail to best identify the locations and counts for specific amenities before preparing the marking plan..
 - ii. Mary Lorah will meet with Dave on 9/20 to work on text for the waysides.
2. Stream Bank Improvement Project
 - i. Jim reached out to Philip Thomas from Trout Unlimited to see if had other alternative designs and his response was that we proceed with the Fish and Boat Commission design.
 - ii. Still targeting July 2023 to do the work.
3. Boat Launch Project
 - i. GTRP Grant - no update yet
 - ii. KEI Subdivision & Easements - April communicated with Andrew H. Ebersole, VP Survey Division at Keller, regarding status. They have been busy, but will work to have their portion of the work done next week. Once completed, April will contact Nathan Karn for guidance on legal steps and required approvals (Township, Planning, Rutters, etc.) for execution.
4. Trail Surface Aggregate for existing trail Elks section
 - i. Jim got an estimate from NESL at \$3,500 for the trail surface aggregate material to re-surface the portion of trail on the Elks property from the Smith property to switch back. Another option is to use millings as a surface which will cost approximately \$4,700. Jim awaiting labor costs for installation from NESL.
 - ii. Still targeting installation the first week of November which would be ideal.
 - iii. Jim to reach out to Bedford Township to see if they could install the millings.
 - iv. Motion by Brian to proceed with a fundraising plan to have a new trail surface installed on the Elks portion of the Trail from the Smith Property to the Switchback the first weekend of November 2022, pending receipt of 50% support from the community and subject to receipt of final cost estimates, including labor. 2nd by Lorah. Motion to proceed.
5. E-bikes on trail -
 - i. Discussion on whether any changes are needed to trail rules.
 - ii. DCNR is following PA Vehicle Code with regards to e-bikes
 - iii. Jim will talk to Dave at Omni & plan to discuss a proposed amendment to our trail rules at the next meeting. .

E. Old Business

1. Eagle Scout Project - Bike Fix-it station - Maintenance -
 - a. Max contacted the manufacturer and there have been no questions posed to manufacturer regarding damage or maintenance needs.
2. Map/Trail signage in Fort Bedford Park -
 - a. Mary Jo will handle for the next meeting.
3. Borough Ordinance updates to reflect Name Change and Northern Extension

a. No response yet from Dean Crabtree

F. Reports of Officers

- Chairman -
- Vice Chairman-
- Secretary- Suggest we remove the fence post sponsorship form from our website as there are no longer any sections ready and not ready to accept sponsorships for the Northern Extension. April will contact Keith to remove.
- Treasurer - Additional Fence Post sponsorship received, now all are sold on existing trail. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay bills, once the reimbursements are received. 2nd by Casalena. Motion approved.
- Secretary-Treasurer -

Meeting Adjourned 9:41 AM

Next Meeting will be October 14, 2022 @ 8:00 AM
At the Bedford Borough Office, 244 W. Penn St., Bedford, PA

BJMA Treasurer's report
9/9/2022

Current checking	2,057
Current savings	<u>96,216</u>

Total	<u>98,273</u>
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Income

PennDoT	292,767
Fence plaque	60
Interest	<u>110</u>

Total	<u>292,937</u>
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Disbursements

Plum Contracting	281,700
Reed Wertz & Roadman	<u>134</u>

Total	<u>281,834</u>
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Accounts receivable

Credit card rebates	74
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Accounts payable

Stiffler McGraw	26,687
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