



Meeting Minutes September 10, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD: Sell, Lorah, Ressler, Koontz & Casalena

GUESTS: Jim Wehling (Volunteer/landowner), Clyde Deremer (OBV)

- A. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting Called to order by Sell at 8:07 AM.
- B. Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes.
 1. Motion by Koontz to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 2021. 2nd by Sell. Motion carried. Minutes approved as submitted.
- C. Public Comment
 1. KEI - Brian Smith - Northern Trail Extension Update - sent via email prior to meeting
 - a. No response has been received from Allegheny Electric Co-op regarding the reinforced trail section. KEI received a couple e-mails from the Engineer (Kevin McCutcheon) asking for additional information.
 - b. PennDOT sent an e-mail informing AEC that their access at the "Gate" was temporary access and that their permanent access points are at different locations south of this access. Brain has not seen a response to this email.
 - c. NPDES Permit info from Brian Sell was received. KEI has produced the information that PennDOT needed from this approval package. These documents will be returned to BJMA at our October meeting.
 - d. The Joint Permit for this project was received on 8/24/21. We now have all our agency approvals for this project.
 - e. Funding commitment letter was prepared by April and sent to PennDOT. Nothing else to do here.
 - f. Jim Wehling requested a plot plan for the Don Arnold parcel to start the eminent domain process. Brain Smith passed this request on to KEI Survey Department.
 - g. KEI has engaged in a 3rd party review for the structure plan, as approved last month. Pennoni & Associates will be performing this review. KEI will pay the fee and submit to BJMA for reimbursement as this was the quickest way to handle contract/agreement. The cost should be around \$2,000, which is under the up to \$5,000 we had approved last month.
 - h. The next couple of months will be back-and-forth between KEI and PennDOT to address their comments and create the final plans for bidding.
 - i. KEI is still on schedule for a January 2022 bid letting, as we have made it through the biggest hurdles.
 - j. The final remaining hurdle is the bid cost. The project estimate is nearing the \$2.5Mil mark. That doesn't leave much for any possible changes that may be necessary during construction. We are bidding during a great time of year but we are unsure how the whole COVID pandemic is impacting costs.
 - k. Utility letter for PennDOT is needed, acknowledging contacts with various utilities near the project area. KEI prepared and Brian Sell signed. Ressler to return to KEI.
 2. Update on Remaining Easements - Jim Wehling
 - a. Unknown Owner Parcel - Following further review by Attorney Bill Snyder, the quit claim deed process originally suggested is no longer the appropriate approach &

that instead 5 easements will be needed from the adjacent property owners. The parcel is a portion of a 60' railroad right of way dating back to 1871 acquired by the railroad from Susan Carney, owner of a large parcel at that time. A legal proceeding, BASD versus James McMillan, et al, December 2002, determined that the right of way was an easement with a reversionary interest to adjoining property owners (each adjoining owner to the center of the easement). Prior to that court case, the Bedford County Redevelopment Authority in 1975 acquired from Penn Central, through the PA Public Utility Commission, an easement crossing the railroad right of way from SR 220 to and across the river to the planned Old Bedford Village. The parcel described in the PUC order closely aligns with the parcel described as the unknown owner parcel. Ownership interest in that easement passed to Old Bedford Village. Atty Snyder concluded that the BASD versus McMillan, et al, case gives ownership rights to the adjoining property owners to the center line of the old railroad right of way (the unknown owner parcel). These adjoining owners are Old Bedford Village, the Bedford Township Municipal Authority, and the Peter John Winglee Family Trust.

- b. Don Arnold - Eminent Domain Procedure - letters sent to Don Arnold were returned. Will now need to have the Sheriff serve notice for the process to continue.

D. New Business

1. Trail Storm Damage Repair/Maintenance
 - a. Brian Smith confirmed we do not need a permit to take equipment in to clear out the debris from the trail following Hurricane Ida. Gravel needs removed and 50' pipe needs cleaned out. Jim will work with Lester from Omni to coordinate track hoe to move gravel. Will also work on options to clear out the pipe.
 - b. Parking lot area had been damaged and has since been repaired by Bedford Township employees.
2. Construction Inspection Consultant Paperwork & ECMS
 - a. SOIS submitted 9/3/21. Selection Committee to review & rank. Our Selection Committee - Brad, Mary Jo and Mary Lorah - will review and complete the scoring matrix. There were 12 submissions for this role. Results will need to be communicated back to PennDOT prior to the 9/30/21 deadline.
3. 2021 Pink Ribbon Walk Event Application
 - a. Event will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021
 - b. April received the certificate of insurance naming BJMA as AI for the event
 - c. Still awaiting confirmation of how parking will be handled. April will reach out to Kathy for verification that Bedford Borough Police will mark, patrol, enforce and what the duration of "no parking" will be at the Omni Trailhead lot.
4. Fence Post Plaque Online Ordering /Payment
 - a. Keith Landis offered to design an online ordering function and is working on for us now. We will use the link to our PayPal donate button already on the site.
 - b. Suggested also updating the paper form. April will update to add contact info., email, etc. to make it easier to send confirmation of purchase to donors.

E. Old Business

1. Eagle Scout project for installation of bike rack.
 - a. Unit is ordered
 - b. Max and Casalena will be scheduling a meeting with Omni to discuss installation.
 - c. Sell suggested contacting Vo-Tech to see if willing to help with installation as a project.
2. Boat Launch -
 - a. April received a call from Chris Reed from Rutters. He wanted more details on the proposed plans. Shared with him the plan from KEI showing a possible area to

locate the boat launch and suggested an easement for use of the property would be desired. Chris will talk to their team and get back to us.

- b. Brian Smith will also reach out again to Tim Beiber to inquire if Rutters is interested in further discussions.
- c. Sell suggested sending a link to the video from the current trail as reference for the quality of project to expect.

3. Northern Extension Display Board location.

- a. On display in the Yanoshak building on Pitt Street, in Downtown Bedford.

F. Reports of Officers

- Chairman - Suggested getting hardcopy documents to one physical location for preservation. Discussed keeping at Bedford Township office, which Janie McMillen had at one time offered as a safe keeping place. Will get to April to consolidate with her files. April will see if the Township is still willing to store for us.
- Vice Chairman-
- Secretary- Reminder that the SAM Registration will need completed prior to being able to request reimbursements.
- Treasurer - See attached Treasurer's Report. Motion by Casalena to accept report & pay bills. 2nd by Lorah. Motion approved.
- Secretary-Treasurer -

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM

Next Meeting will be October 8th @ 8:00 AM at 127 S. Juliana St., Bedford, PA

BJMA Treasurer's report
9/10/2021

Current checking	55,956
Current savings	<u>325</u>
Total	<u>56,281</u>

Income

Fence Plaques	240
Eagle scout project	1,893
Interest	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>2,138</u>

Disbursements

P/S Printing	72
KEI	139
Insurance	<u>796</u>
Total	<u>1,007</u>

Transfers

Accounts receivable

Credit card rebates	41
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