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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 - April 11, 2025

- 1) **Bring Meeting to Order** - Sean brought the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. In attendance were Sean, Marie, Jeb, Jo, Jim Wehling and Jeff Claycomb. Absent were Nate and Mary Jo.
- 2) **Review and Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Prior Month** - Jeb approved the minutes and Marie seconded it. All were in favor.
- 3) **Public Comment** - None.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) Mini-grant Implementation & Fundraising Plan - Storybook holes were completed. Footers are in for 3 of the benches; there's 3 more to do. Then, concrete work needs to be completed. Need to schedule a work day either in the evening or on a Saturday. Tricky part will be to carry water.
 - b) Trail Maintenance - Jeff said while he and Jim were doing trail maintenance that someone was operating a motorized vehicle on the trail that was not Class 1. They approached him about this, but the individual ignored them stating he'd check the website as to what was permitted. Sean recommended we should purchase signs for the trail. Marie made a motion to do so and Jeb seconded it. All were in favor.
 - c) Rotary Peace Pole - It's in; ceremony was conducted inside due to weather.
 - d) Northern Trail - Jeb talked with Bob Salathe. Not interested in selling, but may be willing to lease it.
 - e) Marker Update - Aaron Weiler completed during this past week. Marie signed off on his Boy Scout form in order for him to receive his merit badge.
 - f) OBV Boat Launch - Jim went to OBV about signage and boat launch. They didn't want to make a decision because John Tornadore wasn't there. Objection to having "no pedestrian" signage on the bridge; this will be their liability. We're still proceeding with ordering the sign. Sean made a motion to approve purchase of sign and safety items; Jeb seconded it. All were in favor. Grant will cover approximately half of it. We should be fine to change the elevation and to do some clean up within 50'.
 - g) Trail Video - It is receiving a lot of views.
 - h) Dam Removal from American Rivers - Could happen this year.
 - i) Possible Mountain Bike Project - Went to Smith Reservoir and marked trail around it. Municipal authority needs to review and approve. Bollington also needs to look at it. We should look at Millborn side too, so we have both hiking and biking trails. Then, we should have Bollington and the Board to see it. Use the Millborn side for hiking.
 - j) Recognition of Founding Members - Determine if we should have a volunteer committee as landscaping businesses do not want to take on this project because they're too busy.

Sean will call construction supply to see if they have any large rocks we could use for this, instead of building out of stack stone.

- k) Additional Woodland Owners Trees - They're planted by Jeff and two others.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) None
- 6) **Officers' Reports Not Covered Above**
 - a) Chairperson - None
 - b) Vice Chairperson - None
 - c) Treasurer - Jeb reviewed the treasurer's report. Library did reimburse us for the Story Walk signs. We will continue our membership with DBI. All BOD members signed the documents to switch accounts from Somerset Trust Company to Hometown Bank. Some funds remain at STC; two prior board members will need to sign off on closing this account.
 - d) Secretary - Marie submitted her and Mary Jo's "Statement of Financial Interest" to Bedford Borough. Nate's is still pending.
 - e) Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - None

Sean adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Next meeting will be on **Friday, May 9, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Bedford Borough Office, 244 W Penn St. Bedford, PA 15522.