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Brian Sell, Chairman  
Carey Nycum-Foor, Secretary  
Mary Jo Casalena, Asst Secretary-Treasurer

Sean Bardell, Vice Chairman  
Jebb Kegg, Treasurer

### Meeting Agenda – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting was brought to order by Bardell at 8:03.

**Attendance Bardell-Wehling- Kegg- Casalena- Nycum-Foor (via Teams)**

**Review & Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from Aug. Casalena motioned to approve minutes for Aug and Kegg second motion.**

**Public Comment- No public Comment**

#### New Business

- A. Installation project for three benches and bike rack headed up by Colton Clark-
  - Colton Clark will head up a project installing three benches and a bike rack. Supplies are to be in today so he can start right away. This project should be done by the end of Oct.
- B. Second Location for Bike Rack
- C. We need someone to head up sponsorship opportunities (6 benches, 9 educational displays, fence plaques.)
  - Need someone to head up fundraising- In the past Dull and Landis have helped last. Wehling would like someone to be a lead for this project. Asking for nominations on who could be lead.
  - Bardell suggested making a promotional video highlighting the Northern extension with board members and trail features, such as benches, etc. Also including to show how to get to the trail and plug needs for other projects. All agreed this was a great idea.
- D. Paul Favatella has agreed to maintain pet waste bags
- E. Orange Directional Sign at OBV entrance
  - Orange sign that was knocked down, Wehling would like to move the sign to 220 by the entrance of OBV for better visibility. Bardell brought up that we need more signs and all agreed. Discussed placement, type and size of sign.
- F. Pink Ribbon Walk 2024-
  - Was not discussed at the meeting however sent information out via email and all were in agreement to allow a walk.

## **5. Northern Trail update:**

- A. Update- Marker Discs
  - Working on the approval process. More forms have been signed. Some pushback from one homeowner and a few homeowners that have not been able to be reached yet. The grant will cover some of the cost of marker disks.
- B. Update- Bridge across Cumberland (Texas) Run.
  - Re approaching the landowner to see if we can get a signature for the easement. With this easement signed and the location it would be possible to move the project along. Would like to present this to the Municipal authority to make sure that if we did this would work for what is needed for the project.
- C. Plans for long-term correction of flooding area near pinch point,
  - Wehling met with a representative from the power line, and they suggested native plants not trees looking at the pinch point on Northern Extension, there is a power line across from this area. Would like to remove some of the vegetation that is causing build-up that promotes flooding in the bank area.
- D. Mowing of Northern Extension
  - Already discussed

## **6. Amenities / Sponsorship Plan for Northern Extension**

- A. Update- Mini Grant - Status see above
- B. Update- Fundraising for Northern Extension:
  - 1. Form(s) for fundraising on SWHT website
  - 2. Plaques-Benches-Educations Displays
  - New form presented. This form should work smoother than previous online with PayPal. This is a rough draft of the new form.
- C. Update- Story Walk
  - Met and walked the trail and marked locations for story walk making it longer will allow for the start of story on either Elks or Springs side.
- D. Update on proposal from Willy Snyder about metal sculpture on pinch point.
  - No update

## **7. Weber Lane Update -**

- Idea of leasing was brought up as an alternative. We will need to find out what our responsibility would be if we leased. Landowners would still be responsible for land and environmental elements. Can someone reach out to Salthae to see if he is interested in leasing. This could even open up the possibility of having a restroom at trailhead.

## **8. General Business-**

- A. Secretary Board Opening- Post made on social no response via email or on post.
  - Will post again. Wehling has some ideas on candidates for secretary opening. I will re-post the ad and Casalena will ask someone from REI.

## 9. Old Business-

- A. Update- Aaron Weiler Eagle Scout Project-Project proposal has been made and seeking funds from scouts for post spikes and wood..
  - Working on a funding plan. Casalena gave ideas on how he could try to raise funds for his project. Wehling talked about asking the rotary club to help with funds.
- B. Update in Sept/Oct on free tree and shrubs from WOSA for Northern Extension-
  - 72 or so trees with tubes and stakes, waiting to see how many we will receive. Trial has been walked and placement has been decided. We are going to need help looking for volunteers as they will need to be placed immediately. Need post hole diggers, shovels, pretty large projects need about 20 volunteers and equipment. Some ideas to find volunteers are Hometown- Howard Hanna Bedford Leadership and Trout Unlimited to ask. Casalena gave the plan for planting for the shrubs and trees. Colored flags will indicate what is being planted. Idea of two groups to cover the areas or possible four groups.
- C. Updates- Dam removal from American Rivers

## 10. Reports of Officers

- Chairman - No Report
  - Vice Chairman- No Report
  - Treasurer- Kegg gave a report donation from bike trail, some expenses, paid for emblems for eagle scout project. Paying for mowing liability insurance.
  - Secretary-Treasurer - No Report
  - Secretary- No Report
- Meeting adjourn 9:28

Next Meeting will be **Oct 11th @ 8:00 a.m.** At the Bedford Borough Office, 244 W. Penn St., Bedford, PA

BJMA Treasurer's report

9/13/2024

Current checking	4,217		96,265.00	Previous Months Balance
Current savings	71,792			
		-20,255.95		
Total	76,009			
		0.00		

Income

Donations	2,312
Interest	216

Total 2,528

Disbursements

Sechler's Landscape & Excavation	22,650
Nutron-OSM	134

Total 22,784

Accounts receivable

Credit card rebates 74

Accounts payable