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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 - December 12, 2025

- 1) **Bring Meeting to Order** - Sean brought the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Sean, Nate, Marie, Jeb, Mary Jo, Jim Wehling, Jeff Claycomb and Rick Crahnak from Keller Engineers were present.
- 2) **Review and Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Prior Month** - Mary Jo made a motion to approve. Jeb seconded it.
- 3) **Public Comment** -Rick Crahnak from Keller Engineers presented 3 different possible solutions:
1st Option: Place 3" of binder and 1.5" of additional material overtop of existing trail. The main issue is the velocity of the water running onto the trail, not just the volume of water. It's a fix, but not a long term one. Cost is \$43k.
2nd Option: Push trail towards Penn Dot right of way (underneath high power lines) - would not have Penn Dot oversight, but would run into wetland (would not be difficult to get approval to do so). The current trail's wetlands would need to be restored. Cost is \$74k, which does not include any wetland restoration. Could be as much as \$110-\$130k.
3rd Option: Another possibility to help reduce the force of the water is to do a streambank restoration on the Kevin Cook side of the river.
BJMA BOD prefers to do a one time, long term fix. We will further discuss at an upcoming meeting.
Regarding grant funding for this project, the 1st grant deadline is April 2026 and then the next is at the end of May 2026 for GTRP.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) Mini-grant Implementation & Fundraising Plan
 - i) *Discs (sidewalks)* - Mary Jo called Clearfield Borough and Watkins Glen to gain further insight into installation, but neither returned her call. They may be busy due to the time of year with holidays and hunting.
 - ii) *Bike symbols on Simpson & Juliana Streets* - Bike symbols are ~\$450 each; the visitors bureau is supposed to be doing more work on "way finding".
 - iii) *Educational display docents* - Mostly done, but will need to do some back filling in the Spring.
 - iv) *Educational display installation* - New signs are needed because the original ones from 2017 are faded.
 - v) *Reimbursement, grant related costs* -So far, we've spent about \$21k. Still assessing whether to do a partial or full funding request. By doing a partial grant funding request, we can start to receive interest on funds.
 - b) Trail Maintenance - Done for this year. Everything looked good.
 - c) Mountain Bike/Hiking Project - Joe hasn't been out there yet, due to hunting season.

- d) Recognition of Founding Members - Still waiting for rock to be moved.
- e) Bridge across Cumberland Run - Jim will email info to BJMA BOD members he just received from Keller Engineering to review, then we will discuss further.
- f) Engineering Study at Pinch Point (Rt 30 to I-99 Interchange) options - See above.

5) **New Business**

- a) Peter's Property - should we start looking at it? No, we need to address having a bridge go across Cumberland Run first before taking on another project for 2026.

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

- a) Chairperson - None
- b) Vice Chairperson - None
- c) Treasurer - Received one donation; Donation Box totals were \$28. Interest was \$169.45. Two bills need to be paid from Keller Engineering: \$1,869.17 for work at Cumberland Run and \$1,301.96, for a total of \$3,171.13. Mary Jo made a motion to pay these bills; Sean seconded it. Anticipate receiving another ~\$2,000 invoice from them. We could earn more money (~\$500 at 3%) on a money market CD, which could be locked up for 6 months. Some of the money is still at Somerset Trust and two of the original people are needed to sign off to move the money. Sean made a motion to close the Somerset Trust account and move the funds to Hometown Bank, so it is at the same bank as BJMA's checking account; Marie seconded it. All were in favor. Two signatures are needed to close it. Jeb will coordinate this being done. Mary Jo made a motion to move \$50,000 from the savings account to an interest earning CD. Jeb seconded it. All were in favor. As Chair and Co-Chair, Sean and Nate will be signators.
- d) Secretary - Marie informed BJMA's BOD that Bedford Township also approved Mary Jo staying on for another 5-year term; Bedford Borough previously approved. The BOD was asked if they need paper copies of the Meeting Minutes and the Agenda. All BOD members agreed the electronic copies are sufficient. Lastly, she provided a draft copy of meeting dates for 2026 to the board to review, in follow up to emailing a copy . All were in agreement to continue meetings to be held on the 2nd Friday of the month at 8 a.m.
- e) Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - None.

Sean adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

The next meeting will be on **Friday, January 9, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Bedford Borough Office, 244 W Penn St. Bedford, PA 15522.

BJMA Treasurer's report

1/9/2026

Current checking	4,244.98
Current savings (CD & MMDA)	<u>71,029.21</u>
Total	<u>75,274.19</u>

Income

Reimbursement	0.00
Donation Box	0.00
Interest	106.37
	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>106.37</u>

Disbursements

Pigeon Hill Studio-Design/Print Edu	0.00
Displays	1,254.00
True Value-Hardware for Edu. Displays	55.15
Total	<u>1,309.15</u>

Accounts receivable

Credit card rebates	74.00
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Accounts payable