



Meeting Minutes May 14, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD: Ressler, Koontz, Lorah, Casalena

GUESTS: Jim Wehling (Volunteer/landowner), Peter Winglee (landowner), Clyde Deremer (OBV) John Tornatore (OBV), Sarah Ferrari (Bedford County Chamber & Foundation) & Brian Smith (KEI)

- A. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting Called to order by Lorah 8:03 AM
- B. Review & Approval of April 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Koontz, 2nd by Casalena. Meeting Minutes approved.
- C. Public Comment
 1. Sarah Ferrari presented additional details about the proposed Trailzibit Art Walk Event put on by the Bedford Chamber Foundation.
 - Date to be held Sunday, 8/8 from 1-5 PM or rain date Sunday 8/22 1-5 PM.
 - Omni Bedford Springs is supportive of the event and may contribute food for a station. Use of Mill likely cost prohibitive.
 - Kevin Kutz will be selling original, framed artwork he has painted from locations along the trail & donating half of proceeds to Bedford County Humane Society.
 - Sarah said vendors will serve food and alcohol tastings. Vendors serving alcohol will not be charging, nor need special liquor permit. More details to follow with additional vendors/food stations/etc.
 - Agreed for BJMA to help promote and also set up an information table/display regarding Northern Trail Extension.
 - Motion by Ressler to approve dates as presented and to help promote the event, subject to receipt of the final event permit application and insurance COI, including liquor coverage if required, 2nd by Casalena. Motion carried.
 2. KEI - Brian Smith - Northern Trail Extension
 - Updated Cost Estimate from KEI - \$2,250,000, including paving entire trail, includes the 12% of cost for inspection, as well as 5% contingency. Discussion regarding costs, bridge costs, etc.
 - Discussed bridge design with OBV. KEI designing to match the look of existing bridges.
 - Signature Resolution for PennDOT Crossing Agreement in Limited Access Right of Way - there is a new process which no longer requires the Right of Way to be moved or changed, but a crossing agreement must be executed, which requires a resolution authorizing the Authority to execute the agreement. Ressler presented prepared resolution. Motion by Koontz to execute as presented, 2nd by Casalena. April will get Brian to sign & we will submit.
 - KEI requested status of Submerged Lands License Agreement which had been approved Brian Sell confirmed was completed and sent to DEP directly, but was only the SLLA Info Request Form to create the agreement. Discussed executing agreement as required, with Brian Sell and April Ressler to be authorized to sign.
 - Brian Smith noted the Right of Way access off ramp has been questioned, as there is no written documentation of proof of access. Suggested contacting the utility company(s) to get proof of access. Brian and Jim will work on contacts with Penelec and Allegheny Electric Cooperative.

- NPDES and Joint Permits are submitted. Reviewed with Mike Felix at Bedford County Conservation. Expect response on NPDES permit within a month. Joint Permit timeline will hopefully not be delayed, especially with PennDOT helping push the project
- QA submission review June 2nd.
- Minor revisions to some of existing easements will need to be processed. Atty Snyder will assist.
- Bedford Borough and Bedford Township Maintenance Agreement originally discussed as needed, but determined is not required.
- Fencing Maintenance - discussing surrounding ownership and maintenance of trail fencing. Motion by Koontz that all split rail fencing installed along trail corridor be owned and maintained by BJMA, and any other fencing material, installed by BJMA along the corridor, to be owned & maintained by the property owner. 2nd by Casalena. Motion carried.

2. Update on Remaining Easements - Jim Wehling

- Mattson Easement - signed
- Unknown Owner parcel still needs to be addressed - Wehling presented discussion. Two surveyors have reviewed and no owner on record. Option to have OBV, Peter Winglee, Thomas Automotive and Bedford Township Municipal Authority all claim a portion of the property OR have BJMA agree to accept ownership of the parcel .222 acre by quit claim. Peter Winglee and OBV representatives said they are agreeable to whatever is easiest, which would be having BJMA own, though OBV will want to discuss with their board. Motion by Ressler to agree to have BJMA accept ownership of the unknown owner parcel of .222 acre, if the 4 bordering property owners with rights to claim agree to relinquish the right to claim ownership, 2nd by Lorah. Motion passed.
- Yantz Easement - Atty Snyder to send a letter to him.
- Don Arnold - awaiting response from Brad Allison and Don Arnold.

D. New Business

1. OBV to Weber Lane Phase

- a. Brian Smith from KEI clarified pricing for a Master Site Plan will be only approx \$5K-\$10K, which would be needed to apply for money to fund the design and engineering portion.
- b. Design & Engineering of approx \$125,000 if PennDOT involved or \$85,000 if PennDOT not involved.
- c. Property was already previously disturbed.
- d. We do not want to have PennDOT funds involved, since they will not permit a shared use driveway/trail usage, but DCNR will.
- e. \$350,000 approx estimate for construction of this phase, as long as no NPDES permit needed. Wehling will discuss with Bedford County Conservation District.
- f. Jim will review DCED Multi-Modal grant guidelines to see if it will be applicable for design & engineering & will also look at SAP&DC.

E. Old Business

1. Earth Day Clean Up Event. - Event went well and had a great crew. Thanks to Jim Wehling and Mary Jo Casalena for organization and all volunteers for helping. Was great to see coverage about the event in Bedford Gazette and on facebook.
2. Eagle Scout project for installation of bike rack. Mary Jo reported that Max is still in fundraising mode & would like to set up a Go Fund Me fundraising platform, but cannot accept the funds himself. Discussion whether BJMA could accept the funds to go toward his project. Motion by Casalena to agree to be the recipient of the funds raised through his Go Fund Me campaign for his Bike Fixit Station Project, 2nd by Koontz. Motion carried. Discussed helping to promote the campaign via social media once active.

F. Reports of Officers

- Chairman -
- Vice Chairman -
- Secretary - April and Brian will not be attending the June meeting. No need to reschedule as all 3 other board members will be present. Mary Jo will prepare an agenda and record minutes.

- Treasurer - See attached Treasurer's Report, Motion by Ressler to approve report and pay KEI, 2nd by Casalena. Motion passed.
- Secretary-Treasurer -

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Next Meeting will be June 11th @ 8:00 AM in person at 127 S. Juliana St., Bedford, PA

BJMA Treasurer's report
5/14/2021

Current checking	79,378
Current savings	<u>325</u>
Total	<u>79,703</u>

Income

Subaru of America	1,821
Fence plaques	120
Interest	<u>8</u>
Total	<u>1,949</u>

Disbursements

KEI	14,001
Total	<u>14,001</u>