



## Meeting Minutes - February 12th, 2016

Board: Koontz, Ressler, Casalena, Sell

Guests: Jim Wehling, Bedford Borough

A. Call meeting to order: 8:16 AM by Sell

B. Approval by Minutes - Motion by Ressler to approve minutes for December 2015 and January 2016 as submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koontz. Motion carried.

C. Public Comment - None

D. Old Business

1. Amenities update - Bulletin Board Signage. Omni Bedford Springs prefers the 3 sided kiosk signage & may be willing to assist financially &/or help with installation. Ressler to contact Dustin at Fiore for possible \$2,000 sponsorship; Wehling to reach out to Brett at Omni for financial assistance.

2. REI mini-grant application - REI reached out to us to apply for up to \$3,000 for their 2016 mini-grant. Wehling worked up landscape suggestions after talking with folks & costs for bike racks. Sell & Wehling meeting with Vent's Landscaping to assist with planting suggestions for our conditions & locations. Wehling offered to prepare & submit the application which is due by April 1, 2016.

3. Grants Status

- DCNR declined our grant request;
- SAP&DC sent a letter that our \$15,000 request was approved, but public announcement has not been made yet. Wehling to reach out to SAP&DC on timing & to Carson on scheduling.
- PA Greenways Trails grants through Commonwealth Authority - No response on either for the amenities grant or grant to fund the updated study for north phase of trail to Old Bedford Village.

4. Omni Bedford Springs Parking Signage - Bedford Borough purchased the signs for parking area for No Overnight Parking and Trail Use Only parking. Bedford Borough will install when weather permits.

5. DCNR progress report - Sell to forward Progress Report that Jim had prepared at the end of December with additions of Spring seeding, trail amenities, and trail signage.

E. New Business

1. Plowing Trail - Gregg Crist offered to plow trail and Bedford Borough may be purchasing a snow blower & may be able to blow the trail. Board discussed, but decided to affirm decision not to plow the trail during winter months.

#### F. Reports of Officers

- Chairman - meeting with Vents Landscaping to discuss plantings
  - Secretary - Unable to attend March 2016 meeting
  - Treasurer - Donation acknowledgements were sent to sponsors; revised articles of incorporation received; Ethics Statement of Financial Interests forms received & need to be submitted to Boro/Twp; \$234.96 in interest in 2015; IRS non-profit status mistakenly revoked, but re-instated; Received Keller's Financial Interests Form;
    - Bills received:
      1. Bedford Gazette \$28.63
      2. P/S Printing \$156.50 (fence post signs)
      3. HTB of PA \$50,150.69 (re-pay short term note)
    - Current balances:
      - Checking \$1,199.68
      - Savings \$54,553.95
- Motion to accept treasurer's report and pay bills by Sell; Casalena 2nd. Motion carried.
- Secretary – Treasurer – Will be in attendance at March meeting & will take meeting minutes.

#### G. Comments

- 8 additional fence sponsorships have been received. Wehling to wait until we have a few more before ordering & arranging installation. Plan to install in section around switchback.
- Wehling to contact Mari-Pat for educational signage content.
- Wehling will let InSite Designs (Beth Anderson) know we are not moving forward with landscaping plan.

Motion by Ressler to adjourn at 8:56 AM. 2nd by Casalena. Meeting adjourned.