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**Meeting Minutes September 12, 2019 (Draft V1)
Lamplighter Restaurant, Export, PA**

1. Meeting Attendees:
 - a. Board: (17) Gordon Conn, Tom Dittman, Eileen Elicker, Rick Fisher, Ted Hayes, Kerry Jobe, Jack Maher, Monica Meehan, Dorothea Motto, Mary Grace Muster, Bill O'Hara, Rey Peduzzi, Jeff Richards, Stan Rudge, Vicki Rudge, John Sopko, Anna Marie Stackiewicz
 - b. Guests: Mark Begeman, Kevin Bohner, Wendy Davis, David Deer, Chad Emahizer, Ginny Hayes, Rudy Kobosky, Earl LaSitis, Chris Leo, Kristi Mitchell, Pat Norton, Bob Stakiewicz, Jackie Stempfer, Dee O'Hara,, and others
2. President Rudge led the recitation of "The Pledge of Allegiance", and then called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
3. President's Comments – None
4. Introductions – None
5. Public Input
 - a. Jackie Stempfer, representing Murrysville Parks and Recreation, spoke to the issue of the Trafford Road Crossing Right of Way confusion. Murrysville Parks and Recreation wants to initiate a publicity campaign to inform motorists and Trail Users alike, as to the proper legal procedures using the crosswalk. President Rudge referred her to the newspaper article by Chief T. Seefield, Murrysville Police Department, outlining the rules governing road crossings.
 - b. Dave Deer and Earl LaSitis described the conditions of trees blocking the road signs warning of Trail Crossing, Trail Stop Signs, being too high, and near miss incidents they witnessed at both the Trafford Road and School Road crossings. It was suggested that STOP be painted on the trail pavement at the crossings and the trail stop signs lowered. It was also suggested that the Murrysville Public Works Department repaint the road markings on School Road.
 - c. It was additionally suggested that a Boy Scout Troop take on the project of manning the crossings to pass out the crossing rules to Trail Users.
6. Approval of Minutes - A motion was made to approve the August 8th meeting minutes as published, by Maher, 2nd by Conn, Motion carried, minutes approved.
7. Treasurer's Report – Jack Maher
 - a. Treasurer Maher, reported \$67,331.81 in total assets.
 - b. Treasurer Maher reported that the S&T Checking Account has \$49,881.87 as essentially "Cash on Hand"..
 - c. A motion to approve the treasurer's report by Peduzzi, 2nd by Dittman, Motion carried, report approved.

8. RTC Report – No Report
9. TAT Report – President Rudge reported the eight communities that the TAT passes through have approved the trail map revisions and new Trail Maps should be available early 2020. The Phase IV section of the WHT Trail will be included on the new maps. The maps are printed using grant monies and have very little advertising. President Rudge displayed a facsimile that described a “Proof” of the final Map.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Real Estate and Acquisitions – No Report
 - b. Engineering and Construction – Jeff Richards
 - i. The Phase IV section of trail is essentially done except for the final paperwork.
 - ii. The “Big Curve” millings are still “bumpy”. Crushed limestone will be added as soon as the millings stabilize to smooth out the trail
 - c. Funding Raising – Rey Peduzzi
 - i. The Export Arts and Ethnic Food Festival Parking earned \$1650.
 - ii. The Boy Scout Troop that helped was given \$170 of the earnings.
 - iii. In the absence of Rob Cronaur, The Advertising Renewal of the Mileposts was tabled.
 - iv. Seven Memorial Benches are slated to be installed soon, one has been already purchased for the Phase V section of the trail.
 - d. Public Relations – Vicki Rudge
 - i. Facebook followers now number 1771.
 - ii. Copies of Freewheeling Easy, a compendium of the area trails from The Pittsburgh Foundation, are now available from the WHT at \$20 a copy.
 - iii. Artwork for the WHT Cycling Jerseys is in the design phases.
 - iv. The Delmont Apple Festival will be October 5 & 6th. WHT Booth volunteers are needed.
 - v. Trail etiquette rules have been printed for distribution on parked car windshields by trail monitors, hopefully to improve pet poop removal and bicycle riders warning walkers of their passing.
 - vi. It was suggested that “Burma Shave” style signs be posted along the trail displaying one trail rule at a time.
 - vii. Trail users have complained The Franklin Regional Cross Country Team has been running six or seven wide blocking the trail. The Coach has been contacted and apologies received. The Team has promised to be more courteous.
 - viii. Vicki noted that the Board Community Representatives are now solely responsible for the planning and staffing of WHT Booths at their respective Community Festivals.
 - e. Membership – Gordon Conn.
 - i. The WHT now has a record 249 members. Thanks to all those who have joined in support of the trail.

- ii. Members are using our webpage to join 90% of the time. A WHT Thank You to Alyssa Harden for maintaining the site.
- f. Trail Ambassadors (Monitors) – President Rudge
 - i. President Rudge reported 32 volunteer hours of trail service in August. Sadly, trail users are still not cleaning up after their pets. A windshield notice campaign is now ongoing.
 - ii. A training and recertification class date for Trail Monitors will be announced soon.
- g. Trail Maintenance – Tom Dittman
 - i. Weeds have been pushed back, trees cleared, and the Trail cleaned up.
 - ii. Tom is seeking more volunteers to help with Trail Maintenance.
 - iii. The purchase of an additional Hedge Cutter Power Head to control knot weed was requested by Rey Peduzzi. No action was taken on the request.
 - iv. It was noted that Penn Township and Monroeville have been cutting the Trail weeds with their tractor using an articulated “Big Head” cutter.
 - v. A work party to install Historical Marker Posts will be scheduled soon. This is a “heads up” for volunteers.
- h. Delmont Visionary Committee - Anna Marie Stackiewicz.
 - i. Penn DOT representatives have made measurements for a proposed Trail
 - ii. The Delmont Council has approved planning for The Trail into Delmont from Rangos Parking Access.

11. Old Business

- i. The Board Member Expectations document was discussed and was generally accepted.
- ii. A motion to approve the document by O’Hara, 2nd by Hayes, Motion carried, document approved

12. New Business

- a. Chad Emahizer and Wendy Davis asked permission to erect a “Library Box” to promote book exchanging at Saunders Station Access. Since this is Monroeville territory, Paul Estok will be contacted for comment.
- b. Board Member Tom Ronksly replacement election.
 - i. Candidates
 - 1. Pat Norton nominated by Maher and Hayes
 - 2. Ann Wade nominated by Richards and Nagota
 - 3. Alyssa Harden nominated by Cronauer and Sopko
 - ii. Results – Alyssa Harden received a majority (53%) of the vote and will serve as At Large Board Member until December 2021 completing the remainder of Tom’s three year term.
- c. “Protect PT” an environmental non-profit has asked permission to place air quality monitors along the trail. The location of the monitors was unspecified in the request. The discussion was tabled until more information is presented.
- d. Rey Peduzzi commented that the B-Y Park Restrooms have been updated and are now available for use by Trail Users. Rey suggested that we might be able to

eliminate the Port-O-John at Forbes Road and direct Trail Users to the B-Y Park facilities. The Port-O-John could be moved to Export.

On a motion by Maher, 2nd Peduzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 10th at the Lamplighter Restaurant, Delmont, PA.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sopko, 2019 Secretary