



The mission of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail is to manage and maintain the trail from Saltsburg to Trafford, in partnership with like-minded groups, Westmoreland County Parks, and the associated municipalities the trail passes through. The trail will be promoted for walking and biking activities and to provide for recreation, education, volunteerism, tourism, and historic and environmental conservation. (www.westmorelandheritagetrail.com)

WHT December Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2024

Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg PA

Meeting Attendees:

- Board (19): Mike Banda, Michael Bertonaschi, Karen Rose Cercone, Rob Cronauer, Wendy Davis, Jerry Detar, Chad Emahizer, Liz Ferri, Rick Fisher, Monica Meehan, Tom Marcin, Darrin Miller, Pat Norton, Chris Panichella, Stan Rudge, Vicki Rudge, Malcolm Sias, Annamarie Stackiewicz, Ann Wade
- Absent Board (2): Geri Lombardo, Kerry Jobe
- Guests and Members (21): Jerry Babcock, Gael Carns, Sarah Colligan, Cathy Corrigan, Barbara Coulter, Jim Coulter, Alyssa Cronauer, Louise Fisher, Elena Kehres, Paul Lienemunn, Marion Marcin, David Nigro, Jeff Richards, John Ruccio, Patti Sias, Brandon Simpson, Bob Stackiewicz, Tom Petrus, Mike Urban, Dick Wade, Lois Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

- 1. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS** – the president thanked the volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year, and also thanked the members of the Volunteer Appreciation Committee for organizing tonight's festivities.
- 2. PUBLIC INPUT/INTRODUCTIONS** – none
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. The minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Detar seconded by Malcolm Sias.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Chris Panichella
 - a. In the month of November 2024, WHT received \$192.65 in memberships (new and renewed), \$1685.00 in donations and \$1200.00 in miscellaneous income, making our total revenue for the month \$3077.65. We had expenses of \$401.75 for maintenance, \$657.22 for visitor amenities such as portajohn rentals, and \$150 in miscellaneous costs making our total expenses for the month \$1,208.97.
 - b. As of November 30, 2024, we have \$14,341.15 in our Money Market account (S&T Bank), \$44,962.22 in our checking account (S&T Bank), \$40,989.70 in one Certificate of Deposit (S&T Bank), \$50,000 in a second Certificate of Deposit (S&T Bank) and \$66,212.84 invested with Fidelity (Wealth Enhancement Advisors), making our total funds \$244,281.91. Our building fund (not included in the total) stands at \$29,776.00. On a motion by Pat Norton, seconded by Tom Marcin, the November Treasurer's reports were approved.
- 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION AND/OR INFORMATION**
 - None

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Election of five WHT board members for 2025-2027 terms – Stan Rudge

No additional nominations were submitted for board member service at tonight's meeting. By unanimous vote, the following board members were re-elected for 2025-2027 terms:

- Rob Cronauer (Westmoreland Conservation District)
- Chad Emahizer (at-large)
- Liz Ferri (Export Borough)
- Chris Panichella (Westmoreland County Parks & Rec)
- Vicki Rudge (at large)

- b. Nomination of WHT officers for 2025

No additional nominations were submitted for officer positions at tonight's meeting. By unanimous vote, the following officers were re-elected to their positions for 2025:

- Stan Rudge, President
- Rob Cronauer, Vice-President
- Chris Panichella, Treasurer
- Karen Rose Cercone, Secretary

- c. Comedy Night Update – Rob Cronauer

This year's Comedy Night fundraiser will be held over two days (Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8) at the Venue inside LIVE Casino at Westmoreland Mall. Only a few volunteers will be needed to assist with the raffle and 50:50 tickets. Catering will be done by the Venue. Proceeds will be shared with Westmoreland County Parks & Rec and with the Five Star Trail. Tickets will be available at Ginny's, the Lamplighter, and at the County Parks office in Greensburg.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Volunteers were invited to enjoy the refreshments catered by Marinades Grill and the delicious cookies brought by members of the trail.
8. Next month's WHT Meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on January 9 at 7 PM. The link will be provided along with the agenda and minutes in early January.
9. On a motion by Rob Cronauer, seconded by Pat Norton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Rose Cercone, Secretary

Westmoreland Heritage Trail 2025 Event Calendar

Month	Date	Time	Event	Location
JAN	9	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Zoom
FEB	13	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Zoom
MAR	7 & 8	6 PM	Comedy Night at LIVE Casino	Greensburg
	13	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Zoom
APR				
	10	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
MAY				
	8	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
JUN				
	7	9 AM – 2 PM	Community Festival / Poker Run	TBA
	12	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
JUL				
	10	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
AUG				
	14	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
SEP				
	11	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
OCT				
	9	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
NOV				
	13	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
DEC				
	11	6 PM	WHT Volunteer Appreciation Night	TBA