



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 11, 2025

Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg PA

Meeting Attendees:

- Board (15): Karen Rose Cercone, Rob Cronauer, Wendy Davis, Jerry Detar, Chad Emahizer, Liz Ferri, Rick Fisher, Tom Marcin, Pat Norton, Chris Panichella, Stan Rudge, Vicki Rudge, Malcolm Sias, AnnaMarie Stackiewicz, Ann Wade
- Absent Board (6): Mike Banda, Michael Bertonaschi, Kerry Jobe, Geri Lombardo, Monica Meehan, Darren Miller
- Guests and Members (total 20): Cathy Corrigan, Jim and Barb Coulter, Christina Donohoe, Louise Fisher, Debbi and Mike Grimaldi, Greg Imblum, Elena Kehres, Hal Lester, Paul Lienemann, Bob Manella, Dean and Sue Matanin, David Nigro, John Ruccio, Cheri and Larry Smith, Bob Stackiewicz, Mike Urban

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Any board members or volunteers who want to attend the RTC conference in January should notify us by the January board meeting to get their costs covered.

3. PUBLIC INPUT/INTRODUCTIONS – Christina visited to update us on the Rt 22 mural project, which has finally been sent to the central PennDOT office for review, after nearly three years of work.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 13, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Detar, seconded by Malcolm Sias.

5. TREASURER'S REPORTS

a) As of October 31, 2025, we have \$15,026 in our Money Market accounts (S&T Bank), \$18,206 in our checking account (S&T Bank), \$11,970 in one Certificate of Deposit (S&T Bank), \$52,258 in a second Certificate of Deposit (S&T Bank) and \$75,380 invested with Fidelity (Wealth Enhancement Advisors), making our total funds \$202,615. We received \$30 in memberships (new and renewals) plus \$2603 in donations and \$140 in miscellaneous income. We spent \$3062 on maintenance, \$70 on equipment and \$15 on technology. A motion was made by Ann Wade, seconded by Karen Rose Cercone, to approve the October treasurer's report. The motion passed.

b) As of November 30, 2025, we have \$15,067 in our Money Market accounts (S&T Bank), \$22,334 in our checking account (S&T Bank), \$11,970 in one Certificate of Deposit (S&T Bank), \$52,258 in a second Certificate of Deposit (S&T Bank) and \$75, 815 invested with Fidelity (Wealth Enhancement Advisors), making our total funds \$207,220. We received \$2450 in memberships (new and renewals)

plus \$1630 in donations and \$713 in miscellaneous income. We spent \$3242 on maintenance and \$15 on technology. A motion was made by Pat Norton, seconded by Malcolm Sias, to approve the November treasurer's report. The motion passed.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION AND/OR INFORMATION

- Correspondence received – a thank you letter from Noel Grimm's family was read by the secretary.
- Twenty-six more letters of thanks were sent to WHT donors for this summer's donations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Nomination of board members for 2026-2028 terms (elections to be held in December)
- Delmont Borough Municipal Representative: Annamarie Stackiewicz
 - Loyalhanna Township Municipal Representative: Brooke Russick
 - At-Large Delegates (will vote for 4 open seats): Karen Rose Cercone, Steve Ising, Pat Norton, and Ann Wade

All were elected by unanimous consent to the secretary's 'aye' vote.

- b) Nomination of WHT officers for 2026 (elections to be held in December)
- President: Stan Rudge
 - Vice President: Rob Cronauer
 - Treasurer: Chad Emahizer
 - Secretary: Karen Rose Cercone

All were elected by unanimous consent to the secretary's 'aye' vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Comedy Night update – In 2026, Comedy Night will be held on March 6 and 7 at the Westmoreland Live Casino. Rob will be reaching out to trail members to purchase tickets, supply baskets, and assist on the night of the fundraiser.

9. Next month's WHT Meeting will be held remotely via a Zoom link on January 8, 2026 at 7 PM. The meeting will be recorded and posted to the chapter's Google Drive for any members who miss it.

10. On a motion by Rob Cronauer, seconded by Chris Panichella, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 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
	11	6:30 PM	Trail Ambassador New / Recertifying Training	WCD Barn
	13	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Zoom
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	10	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting (with FOTR/PEC reps)	Lamplighter
	22	5 PM – 7 PM	TCWA & WBNC Earth Day Watershed Walk	Zone 5
	26	8 AM - 2PM	Norwin AF-JR-ROTC Bataan March	Zones 4 & 5
MAY	8	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
JUN	7	9 AM – 2 PM	Community Festival / Poker Run	Export
	12	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
	22	12 PM–5 PM	WHT Table at Trafford FlavorFest	B-Y Park
	29	12 PM-4 PM	WHT Table at Ginni’s CarnivAlz Fundraiser	Ginni’s, Export
JUL	10	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
	13	7 AM–12 PM	GCXC Murrysville Monster 5K	Zone 4
	19	8 AM – 11 AM	CancerBridges Race (tentative)	
AUG	9	All day	Slickville Community Festival	Zone 2
	14	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
	16	All day	WHT Table at Export Heritage Festival	
SEP	7	All day	WHT Table at Trafford Octoberfest	
	11	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Pedora Park
	13	All day	WHT Table at Murrysville Community Day	
OCT	4 & 5	All Day	Export 100 Trail Run	Zones 1-5
	9	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
	12	1 PM - 5 PM	Export Witches Ride	Zone 4
	25	8 AM – 11 AM	GCXC Trick or Treat 5 K Race	Zone 4
NOV	1	7 AM – 1 PM	YoungLife 5K Run Fundraiser	Zone 4
	3	4 – 5 PM	Dedication of America’s 250 th bell	Roberts Parcel
	13	7 PM	WHT Board Meeting	Lamplighter
DEC	11	6 – 8 PM	WHT Volunteer Appreciation Night	WCD Barn