

Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee

Monday March 11, 2019
Minutes

Members present: Donna Koenig, Mary Withey, Nusie Halpine, Mark Fitton, Walt Miller and Bruce Sievers

Members absent: Art Wallace, Michael Lambert and Peter Gandelman

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: 6:30PM

1.2 Welcome to guests: None present

1.3 Reading and acceptance of the Minutes from Sept.10, 2018:

Nusie made a motion that the minutes of September 11, 2018 be accepted as read. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Meeting about the entire Air Line Trail:

Donna attended a meeting with all 12 towns concerning the trail. Both Phil Chester and JayTuttle also attended. Many of those in attendance were interested in "branding" the trail. They wanted to let everyone know about the trail and get more people out on it so that they would bring some economic revenue to the towns. Jay and Donna spoke of the importance of trail maintenance. Jay stressed the fact that the smaller towns did not have the man power to maintain the trail.

A grant was written and the group received \$18,850 to be used for resource inventory way finding, economic opportunities, bike to work assessment, increase safe routes to schools and to develop a maintenance plan.

2.2 Talk with Betsy:

Donna met with Betsy and they discussed the future of the trail committee. The committee wants to make sure that someone will remain a strong advocate for the trail in the town. Some of the other commissions were approached about taking this responsibility on, however, they didn't want to add that to their duties.

At this point, the committee will remain in place until some other entity becomes the trail overseeing body.

2.3 Talk with Jay:

Jay continues to tell us that his crew is overwhelmed with work and is unable to get out on the trail.

Donna will get back to Jay after the trail clean-up and ask that they attempt to get onto the trail to address some important items.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Bird Walk:

Nusie reported that the annual Bird Walk will be held one Saturday June 1, 2019 with the group meeting at the Village Hill crossing at 8:00 AM.

3.2 Tail Clean-up:

After some discussion, the committee felt that this year's clean-up would be done by each member at a convenient time for them. Donna will obtain garbage bags from the Town Hall and distribute them. Mark will clean section 1, Mary section 2, Walt section 3, Donna section 4, Bruce section 5 and Nusie sections 6 & 7. If anyone would like some company and help while they clean let Donna know when you plan to work.

3.3 Library Bench:

Donna was contacted by two Lyman Middle School teachers concerning the placement of a Library Bench on the trail. The bench will contain books to be read on the trail or to be borrowed to be read. After talking to DEEP officials, it was determined that a bench could be placed along the trail near the gazebo.

4.0 Move to Adjourn

Nusie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Koenig, Chairman