

ARTA notes for October 2015 EPTA meeting

Update from July 2015 through October 2015

- A grant was received from The Trail Volunteer Fund to purchase limestone for the Mile 56-59 Stormwater and Treadway Improvement Project. Work is progressing with completion targeted for late October. Two volunteers were trained on the trail equipment.
- Work at the intersection of the Armstrong and Redbank Trails took place late summer clearing an area for signage and a picnic table. A path was created to the beehive ovens and an area cleared to expose the train station foundation near the installed Redbank Station historic sign.
- Volunteers installed 4 additional memorial benches over the past few months and 2 more orders will be filled soon. Additional benches will be built over the winter to be ready for new orders in the Spring. Currently 25 benches are installed.
- East Brady Borough will include an Armstrong Trail map as one of three panels in the kiosk at the new Riverfront Park under construction.
- The trail was mowed in September.
- Tourist oriented signage (TODS) was placed along Rt. 68 in East Brady directing people to the trail head. ARTA is looking into an additional site for 2016.
- The third edition of our Trail Map and User Guide is ready for distribution. The map was funded through the sale of ads and a Clarion County Hotel Tax Grant .
- Two board members attended the Greenways and Trail Summit in Warren in September.
- Our fall member's ride was held October 9-11 on the Three Rivers Heritage Trails and the Steel Valley Trail in Pittsburgh.
- The annual meeting was held on October 12. Two director's terms were renewed and one new director was voted in.
- At the monthly meeting that followed the annual meeting election of officers took place. Kay Owen was elected as the new president, John Pryde remains as vice president, Toni Henry was elected as the new secretary and Anita Smith remains as treasurer. Volunteer awards were presented to 8 volunteers with over 100 hours of service this past year.
- The board retreat is scheduled for November 22. Goals for 2016 will be set.