

**Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance
Secretary Report
For the April 25, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting**

- **Communications Sent/Received** –
 - Thank you letters were sent to those that donated to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail during the Bridge Builders Community Foundation “Week of Giving” campaign across Clarion, Forest, Jefferson, and Venango Counties. Information on general support memberships was included with each thank you.
 - A letter of thank you was received from Trenton Moulin, Executive Director of the Bridge Builders Community Foundation, for our participation in the Week of Giving and confirming the amount given and the prorated match total.

- **EPT Logo Usage Request** - No request received this past quarter.

- **Letters of Support from the EPTA Requested** -
 - The Allegheny Valley Trails Association requested a letter of Support to accompany their request to the PNC Foundation for funding to make necessary repairs on the very rough surface of the gap in the Allegheny River Trail. The required draft budget and grant narrative were provided; therefore, letter of support provided. **Notice was received that this funding request was approved.*
 - City of Oil City requested a letter of support to their funding request to the Dopplet Family Trail Fund for the top coat and completion of the “West End Gap.” Required draft budget and narrative are on file; letter of support provided.
 - The Allegheny Valley Land Trust requested a letter of support to accompany their nomination for a 2018 Western PA Environmental Award for their work in constructing trail that provides the buffer for the region’s waterways strengthening the ecosystem and using it to educate the public on the positive benefits of a healthy environment. The letter of support was provided.
 - The Oil Region Alliance requested a letter of support for a DCNR Partnership Grant request being submitted. This grant request includes continued support to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail, and the very important update to the Oil Region National Heritage Area’s Management Plan. A copy of the draft grant narrative and budget are on file. The letter of support was provided.
 - The Allegheny Valley Land Trust requested a letter of support for the DCNR C2P2 grant application that they were submitting for the Brady Tunnel and approximately 5.5 miles of trail – Phase I. The draft budget and narrative were received; however, due to the late timing of the request the letter of support was not able to be provided prior to the grant deadline. The letter of support is drafted, and at the time of this report awaiting the signature of the President who is out of the state.

A reminder to all, if you wish to have a letter of support from the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance, please provide a draft copy of the narrative for the funding request and draft budget information including expenses, and all income. Submit your request at least two weeks in advance to be sure the letter reaches you in time.

- **Social Media** – Followers on Facebook continues to grow. As of January 12, 2018, the Facebook Page (official) has 1,398 likes. The Facebook Group (unofficial; peers sharing with peers) has 1,065 members. If your organization has information that they want to share, please let Kim Harris know, so it can be added to our Facebook page. A couple of our donors for the Bridge Builders Community Foundation’s Week of Giving were from the Facebook Page post.

- **Other Items** – The Secretary continues to send relevant information to Board Members, and supporting agencies as appropriate. If you as a Board Member wish to have something distributed via email to the entire EPTA Board of Directors, or the larger distribution list that includes supporters of the EPT, municipalities, and elected officials, please let the Secretary know.