

EPT 2020 Summit Notes September 10, 2019 Conference Call

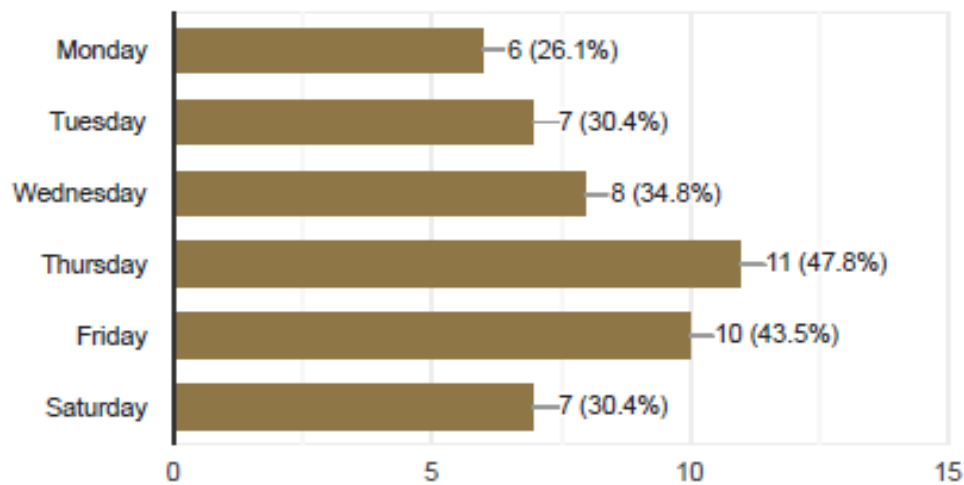
On the Call – Courtney Mahronich Vita, Erin Wiley Moyer, Leah Carter, Kathy Frankel, and Kim Harris

On June 11th a few committee members visited a venue in Franklin to check the facilities, and amenities. It was noted that classroom break out areas are not available on the week days during the school year since preschool is held there. The venue has multiple rooms for breakout sessions some that can accommodate 30 to 40 people. There is a large room that can hold over 100 people, a gym area that food can be served in. and a lobby area that has a nice place for coffee and morning refreshments, registration, and where tables can be placed for displays. The committee members recommended to the remaining committee members unless someone objects this location has all the technology, and space that we would need, as well as the layout is very nice with more than ample parking.

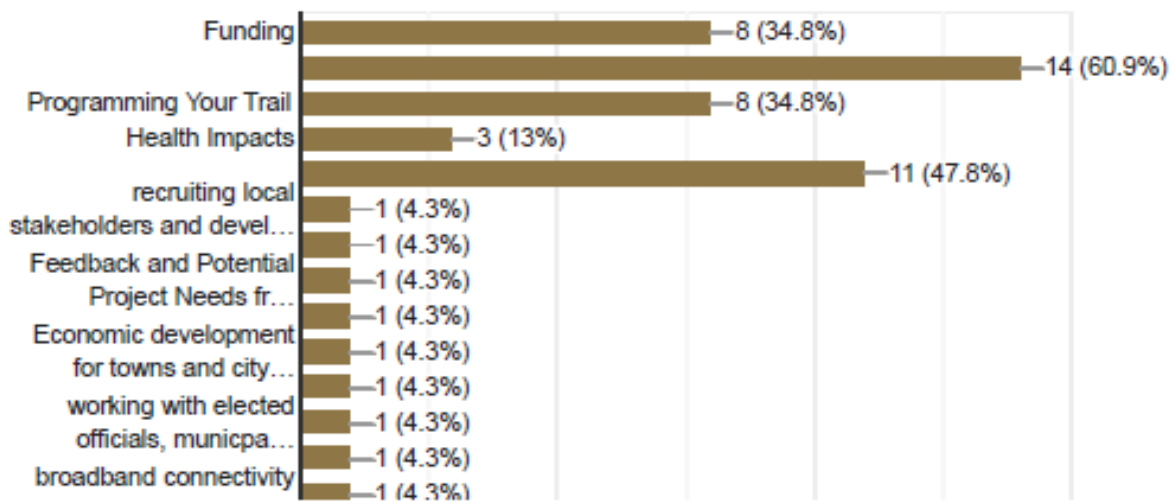
Reviewed data received from the google survey that was issued on August 21, 2019 to the large email group that receives EPTA meeting notices and other materials (approximately 75 email addresses).

What day of the week works best for this type of event?

23 responses



What type of topics are you most interested in?



Any overall feedback for the event?

9 responses

- August might be tough with vacations. How about September or June?
- August is a bad time to hold the event
- Would like to know more about how to build an active trails group.
- Optional walk/ride after formal summit
- There are so many trail summits and it would be terrific if there was a specific focus and outcome rather than training. Much of the information such as health impacts or funding can be done easily with emails, documentation and funding matrixes.
- I'd be most interested in topics not focused on Pennsylvania, but I know most attendees want info pertaining to the home state.
- Have a display hall for info gathering (vendors, orgs, etc.) & leave time for networking (maybe a mixer??)
- No
- If we continue to make progress in Corry, we would be willing to host a workshop with the help of Ron and someone like yourself or Chris from PEC

Based on the information received, and knowledge of other Trail Summits that occur on that we may be in completion with the committee decided the best date to hold the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Summit is Friday, August 14, 2020 with a backup date of August 21; Kim Harris will call the venue to reserve. The tentative start time will be registration at 8:30 AM potentially with a continental breakfast. The event programming would begin at 9:00 AM. The thought at this time is to have two educational tracks with specific outcomes for each track (participants will learn specific skills). The tentative thought on the tracks are "Programming Your Trail" and "Building Trail Team Champions." This is still somewhat in discussion.

The Committee agrees that a small registration fee should be charged to help defray the cost, and if possible, provide a scholarship to municipalities to encourage participation. The Committee is now tasked with drafting a schedule with session topics and who will be the presenter. If anyone has an idea for a topic that they have not already provided to the Committee, please send it to Kim Harris at kharris@oilregion.org, so that it can be distributed to the other committee members. Several local individuals (in the Oil Region) have offered to serve on the committee to help set the event up.