

**ERIE TO PITTSBURGH TRAIL ALLIANCE, INC. (EPTA)
Minutes of July 15, 2020; Regular Business Meeting
Held Virtually on the Zoom Platform**

Participants

Organization

Voting Members

Bob Jennings	Allegheny River Trail in Clarion (delegate) (ARTinC)
Chris Ziegler	Armstrong Trails (delegate)
	Butler Freeport Community Trail (alternate) (BFCT)
Joy Fronzoli	Erie County Planning & Community Development (delegate) (ECP&CD)
Courtney Mahronich Vita	Friends of the Riverfront (delegate) (FOR)
Marty Radock	IMPACT Corry (delegate) (IC)
Barney Scholl	Mercer County Trails (delegate) (MCT)
Kim Harris	Oil Region Alliance (delegate) (ORA)
Sandy Mateer	Redbank Valley Trails (delegate) (RVT)
Leah Carter	Titusville Area Trails Association (delegate) (TATA)
Renwick Steele	Allegheny Township (delegate) (Tredway Trail)
Tom Baxter, IV	At-Large (delegate)
Roy Weil	At-Large (delegate)

Voting Members Absent:

Bill Weller	Allegheny Valley Trails Association (AVTA)
Jim Fincher	Chautauqua Rails to Trails (CRT)
Emily Beck	VisitErie
Ron Steffey	At-Large)

Guests:

Designated Alternates--

Mike Baker	Erie County Planning & Community Development (ECP&CD)
Dan Kostella	Armstrong Trails (AT)
Chris Corban	Pennsylvania Environmental Council

President B. Scholl called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. welcoming everyone to the meeting

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present (25% of the total shall constitute a quorum).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 15, 2020, regular quarterly EPTA Board of Directors meeting were provided in advance of the meeting. R. Weil moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by B. Jennings. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was provided in advance of the meeting. K. Harris moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and placed on file, seconded by L. Carter. Motion approved.

Communications Received: The Secretary, K. Harris reported that no communications were received.

Letters of Support: No letters of support were requested this past quarter.

Logo Usage Request: No requests were received this past quarter.

Grant Opportunities and Workshops- Erin Wiley Moyers, DCNR Regional Advisor, continues to issue a comprehensive list of grants, workshops, and other pertinent information via email weekly.

Old Business:

1. **2021 PA Greenways and Trails Summit:** J. Fronzoli reported that meetings to organize the event were just getting underway and likely will be held remotely due to COVID-19. There are several committees for different aspects of the event._
2. **Virtual Meetings –** It was discussed with many Board Directors having access to virtual meeting software that we have been able to use, there was no need to purchase an individual plan at this time.

Committee Reports:

1. **Trail Connections Committee:** A written report, prepared by Committee Chair R. Steffey, was provided in advance to Board Members, which contained a summary update. At the end of this meeting, an update of the connector trails' happenings to the EPT will be provided.
2. **Strategic Plan Committee:** No update
3. **Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition Update:** It was reported that there had been no word on the Appalachian Regional Commission grant application. The County of Crawford partnered with PEC to submit for three projects that are on the EPT corridor (East Branch Trail, Oil Creek State Park Trail, and the Brady tunnel). The grant also included a project on the Knox to Kane trail. All projects are part of the Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition.
4. **Membership Committee:** A written committee report was provided in advance
5. **Marketing Committee:** A written report was provided in advance.
6. **2020 EPT Trail Summit:** The Summit will be held on August 20 and 21, virtually. C. Mahronich Vita and K. Harris are working with the Committee for this event to switch gears and coordinate the virtual event. If anyone is willing to be a moderator for the event, please let Courtney or Kim immediately.

New Business:

No new business was brought before the board.

Member Reports on Progress: Written reports provided in advance were issued as part of the agenda packet.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Board President B. Scholl.

The next EPTA meeting will be held on October 14, 2020. It will be determined closer to the meeting date if it will be in person or virtual.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Harris, EPTA Secretary
Minutes Prepared October 12, 2020

Guests joined the directors for the presentation by Sandy Mateer and Barney Scholl on updates on the EPT Connector Trails.