

LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY
415 Franklin Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

MINUTES OF THE LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY
August 19, 2021

The meeting was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Stuart Community Center. Andy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members / Reps Present William Berwick, Luke Gibson, Catrina Hamilton-Drager, Ben Mummert, Luke Shaffner, Andy Parker, and Mark White. Dave attended by mobile phone.

Member / Rep Absent Joel Hicks and Fred Vigeant

Staff Present Kathy Russell

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

ANNOUNCEMENT – We welcomed two visitors to our meeting Janet and Alex Wright. Alex is a Carlisle High School student who is interested in getting involved with community service and the environment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Catrina seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Administrator - (Kathy Russell) – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance / Budget – (Luke Shaffner)

Monthly Financial Status

The memorandum of bills is as follows:

Receipts:

Current Month	
Check rec'd – Annual contribution – South Middleton Twp.	+\$6,000.00
Interest.....	+\$26.82
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	+\$6,026.82

Bills Requiring Approval:

Administrator - Services.....	-\$330.00
Verizon Wireless - Phone	-\$25.30
Unpaid Bills Subtotal	-\$355.30
 TOTAL BILLS:	 -\$355.30

Luke provided the financial documents and made a motion that we pay all unpaid bills totaling \$355.30. Mark seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

BANK ASSET ACCOUNTS:

BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT (07)

Beginning Balance	\$100.00	
Transfer from Business Savings	+\$355.30	
Paid Bills.....	-\$355.30	
 Closing Account Balance		 \$100.00

BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT (00) GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$24,949.37	
Check Received	+\$6,000.00	
Interest.....	+\$2.01	
Transfer to Business Checking	-\$355.30	
 Closing Account Balance		 \$29,596.25

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET SAVINGS, FRIENDS OF THE LETORT

Beginning Balance	\$12,852.63	
Interest.....	+\$.87	
 Closing Account Balance		 \$12,853.50

BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS, RESTRICTED FUND -01

Beginning Balance	\$100.18	
Interest	<u>+\$0.01</u>	
Closing Account Balance.....		\$100.20

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #40 (25 Month) (Matures 2/17/23)

Beginning Balance	\$5,583.24	
Interest	<u>+\$2.60</u>	
Closing Account Balance.....		\$5,585.84

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #41 (25 Month) (Matures 8/17/22)

Beginning Balance	\$5,426.83	
Interest	<u>+\$3.44</u>	
Closing Account Balance.....		\$5,430.27

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #49 (15 Month) (Matures 1/3/22)

Beginning Balance	\$5,264.58	
Interest	<u>+\$3.12</u>	
Closing Account Balance.....		\$5,267.70

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #50 (25 Month) (Matures 05/20/21)

Beginning Balance (4/20/19).....	\$5,532.17	
Interest	<u>+2.34</u>	
Closing Account Balance.....		\$5,534.51

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #51 (29 Month) (Matures 03/19/22)

Beginning Balance (10/18/19).....	\$5,510.91	
Interest	<u>+\$12.26</u>	
Closing Account Balance.....		\$5,523.17

TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS ON DEPOSIT:.....\$69,991.44

- Financial Summary – As noted
- Budget Report – As noted

Friends of Letort – Mark White –

- Database of Friends for Volunteer Opportunities – We continue to update this list.
- Conodoguinet Stream Clean-up this Saturday, 8/21 – They are looking for volunteers. Go to their website if you are interested in helping.
- New class – Master Watershed Stewards – They are sponsoring a native tree and plant sale as a fund-raising project. If you are interested in getting information on this project, please contact Andy.

Grants – Andy Parker

- Rotary club grant –
 - Dave has received a \$5,000.00 grant (Spring Garden Parking)
 - We are to collect invoices and pass them on to the Rotary club.
 - The Rotary club would like an update on the project every 45-60 days.
 - CPC would match funds
 - Ben will be the liaison between the LRA, CPC, and Rotary club.
 - The project must be completed by the end of March 2022.
- Faulkner, Other Sources – No report

Audit – Joel Hicks

- None

Information and Education – Fred Vigeant

- Recent press releases and Facebook updates – Fred continues to post updates
- Next Door – No report
- Web hosting – No report

Nature Trail – Ben Mummert

- Bridge Maintenance completion –
 - Dave went out and did staining on the bridges. THANKS DAVE!
 - Ben reported that the Bonnybrook bridge has been pressure washed and will need sanding and staining.
 - Wood must be dry before work can be completed.
- Trail width and vegetation management
 - Ben reported a concern on the trail width. This is not the trail experience we want.
 - Ben and volunteers have already cleared 1.6 miles of the trail, leaving 0.9 miles.
 - Ben volunteered to spray area along the trail.
 - We will need volunteers to mow dead vegetation, clear vegetation, and plant other plants.

- Fred should post spraying event on FB and we should post signs on work and ask for volunteers.
- Andy commented that we have almost \$5,700.00 in the budget for trail maintenance and bridge improvements.
- We could also approach Faulkner Subaru for potential funding.
- Letort Garden thistle treatment
 - Ben treated thistle this week and noticed only a small patch of regrowth.
- UGI Pipeline
 - Andy was contacted by UGI.
 - They were going to do some clearing and maintaining vegetation within their easement that runs across the trail south of I81.
 - They have cut down several trees that were on our property.
 - Andy has requested compensation from UGI for the loss of the trees that were cut down.
 - A meeting is scheduled with UGI at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31st at the back end of the hotel parking lot. If anyone is interested in joining the meeting let Andy know.
- Greenway extension and parking partnerships.
 - Grant to solve parking problems.
 - Ben commented that the LRA and CPC share this interest.
 - CPC hopes to purchase the Klepper House from the quarry which will allow a lot of parking potential,
 - Use Rotary grant to establish parking for the disabled.
 - LRA's trail corridor extends across Spring Garden Street, following the left-branch Letort upstream to its springhead source. There, volunteers are starting new restoration work on the Eberly farm.
 - Everyone should get to see it! We'll convene walks on the greenway extension for board members 6:00 pm on each Saturday 8/28 and Thursday 9/2 (Calendar invites sent). If you weren't available in October, join in to walk and talk.
 - The Township should share in the maintenance of the greenway extension.
 - Between neighbors and volunteers, this greenway extension will be really special if we all work together!
- Plaques for map boxes – No report
- South Middleton servitude instrument and alternatives
 - Andy will find out asap whether the Township staff will share easements with LRA, the way they're asking us to grant them a servitude.

Long-Range Planning & Easements – Andy Parker

- Cumberland Conservation Collaborative report (Bill/Ben) – The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th.
- Trail Extension Easement (update insurance) – No report
- South Mountain Partnership Science Corps –
 - Andy did not get any feedback from members.
 - Andy will contact Joe Baker, professor archeologist.
 - Research on sources of the Letort
 - Research land use and impact land use and water quality.
 - Greenway-preservation potential at Parker Spring – meet with Cumberland County Planning - Clairmont Nursing Home
 - LRA holds conservation easement + 3-acre parcel at Parker Springs
 - Andy will schedule a meeting with Kurt Stoner, Cumberland County Director of Planner to work together with County.
- Inventory and inspect LRA easements and properties -
- Climate initiatives – (Joel) – No report

Stream Ecology - William Berwick

- ALLARM report and analysis – (Suzanne) – Andy reviewed the figures
- FISH protocol – No report

Project Review - Andy Parker

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- Board Vacancy – North Middleton Township (1)
- Potential Projects
 - Trail vegetation management
 - Parking
 - Kiosk maintenance work

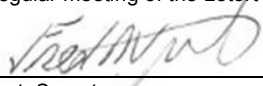
NEW BUSINESS:

- Changing By-laws – Quorum – After a brief discussion it was decided to table this item until our September meeting.
- South Mountain Partnership Fall Meeting is scheduled for September 17 from 9:00-12: at the Pine Grove State Park.

Luke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Letort Regional Authority is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.



Fred Vigeant, Secretary

9/16/21
Date Adopted
Prepared by: Kathy L. Russell