# Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee Thursday, March 16 2023 10:00am - 12:00pm Microsoft Teams Meeting Meeting Minutes

### PTAC Members present:

Bob Amelio - Persons with Disabilities

Anil Dham - Members at Large

Chris Firme - Hiking

Brett Hollern - Cross-Country Skiing

Donna lannone – Members at Large

Mike Kuhn - Mountain Biking

Brook Lenker – Members at Large

Courtney Mahronich Vita – Members at Large

Cindy Barrick – Snowmobiling

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Penny Mason - Four-Wheel Driving

Joe Perry – ATV Riding

David Saunders – Members at Large

Ron Steffey – Members at Large

Owen Worozbyt - Bicycling

Marcus Shoffner – Members at Large Madeline Erickson – Horseback Riding

### **PTAC Members not present:**

Liz Fager – Water Trail Users

### Others in Attendance:

Carol Grayshaw - WeConservePA

P Korhnak - Public Attendee

Ben Mazur – Public Attendee

Doug Bird - Public Attendee

Joshua Dains - Public Attendee

### **DCNR staff:**

Stephanie Dressler

Tom Ford

**Tom Hanes** 

Meredith Hill

Jake Newton

Lauren Imgrund

Alex MacDonald

Mark Palerino

Leslie Sarvis

**Troy Withers** 

Paul Zeph

Paula Devore

Matt Crosbie

### **Call to Order**

Donna lannone, Chair, presided over the meeting.

10:02am - Donna called the meeting to order and a motion was made by Brett H. and seconded by Joe Perry. Donna made another motion to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes with no changes. Motion was passed unanimously.

### Welcome and Opening Remarks - DCNR Thomas P. Ford

10:03am -Welcomed new members and thanked members for their service.

- Trail of the Year winner Mount Jewett to Kinzua Bridge Thanked the committee for enthusiasm and voting. Hoping to get the governor to the event.
- Two other important milestones will also be celebrated at Kinzua Bridge State Park 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  of the tornado taking the bridge down. 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park being created. Encouraged
  members to attend the event.
- Governor's Budget "It's good" \$621.5 Million coming to DCNR to support agency programs. DCNR and their work was called out specifically in the governor's budget address. He personally enjoys trails with his family. There is an opportunity as trail gaps close to get him out. As commissioner in Chester, he was very supportive of trails.
- \$112 million that is in the governor's budget from the oil and gas lease fund to support park and forest infrastructure. There is ability to tap into those funds as well.
- Lastly, Tom expressed appreciation of time and dedication of this committee.

### Introduce new PTAC Committee Members Donna Iannone, PTAC Chair

10:08 – Each new member introduced themselves and gave brief overview of their experience with trails.

Marcus Shoffner – Pittsburgh – Member at Large

Maddie Erickson – Wellsboro – Horseback Riding

Donna thanked the new members for volunteering to serve on this committee.

### Subcommittee Reports/Discussions Donna lannone, PTAC Chair

10:10am -

**Economic Development – Mike Kuhn** – this subcommittee has met a few times this year to get the conversation rolling on what the committee can do for advocating across the state. Expressing the value of trail and learn from people in the communities about what they think of trails. They are working on two fronts, drafting a letter to Nathan Reigner (Director of Outdoor Recreation for DCNR) to express things that the committee has identified, one key item is economic development reports and case studies for trail groups and communities to use to make their case. That will be reviewed by the committee and signed and sent to the Director. Second, conversation with stakeholders in the committee, they are preparing questions, they are reviewing those with Nathan, looking for people that are not familiar with DCNR, collect feedback and provide that to the Director. They are going to take their questions out to their communities to collect that information. Will need volunteers to get the questions out.

**Trail Etiquette - Brett Hollern** – This subcommittee has surveyed PTAC different user groups to identify rules that they use with their user groups to formulate etiquette guidelines that are available to trail managers across the state for when they are formulating their rules and signage along the trails. Rising use of E-Bikes is

putting a spotlight on etiquette issues, this could be an opportunity for PTAC to create guidance. Creating signage that would create consistency across trails to remind users of the etiquette. How does Strava users impact the trail experience trying to become the "King of the Mountain"? Trail Etiquette is evolving with new users and new devices.

- Mike K had a question on etiquette for adaptive bikes.
  - o has not specifically been thought about, but will be included moving forward

**Communication – Pam Marlowe** – Committee met in February. They outlined their goals, better promotion of trails and some of the different ways to spread the word and value of trails. They selected this, due to the low applications to Trail of the Year program. A good all-encompassing way to share how great our trails are. Share more specifics about the trails, accessibility, usage guidelines, details on the trails. Important to partner with other committees to share that information out.

Maintenance – Ron Steffey, Courtney Mahronich Vita – Committee met in February. Reviewed new vision for the committee and goals for the year. Planning for Maintenance and a Maintenance Component for Funding. Can we get the engineering and designers involved more to think and incorporate maintenance when they are working on their projects. "Would you design this differently if you were responsible for maintenance for the next 5 years? - Yes" Ron has been discussing with the PA Dirt & Gravel Road Program. Is this something we can integrate into trails?

Mike K is like the idea of a collaborative meeting for the Subcommittee Chairs to coordinate.

### **Upcoming Trail Grant Application Reviews Leslie Sarvis, DCNR**

10:30 – Instructions will be mailed out to you later. This is one of your more time-consuming tasks. They appreciate our time and commitment to completing this.

- The deadline for ATV March 30, C2P2 April 5<sup>th</sup>. Soon after the April 5<sup>th</sup> deadline, instructions will go out to review the trail grant applications. Trail grant applications are just one part of the many applications DCNR received. Historically they have received 60-80, ranging from development, site plans, acquisition, development, equipment purchase in the ATV/Snow application. DCNR will assign roughly 10 applications per committee member to review. They will match the applications that you will be reviewing to those that are in your region of the state. There are 2 3 members reviewing each application. PTAC will have 3-4 weeks to complete review. The process is electronic. A tutorial will go out for the review process.
- Reminders you are not reviewing for completeness, scoring, or eligibility, that is on DCNR staff. The committee will review certain sections and there are a few questions to answer.
- Last year there were questions on the match for the grant. There are 5 sources for the grants, we do not expect PTAC to know all the match requirements for the funding sources. That is on DCNR Staff to review the match requirements and eligibility.

### Catawissa Rec Area Update - Jake Newton, DCNR

10:37 -

- DCNR has been in many conversations regarding acquiring property that was the former Paragon Adventure Area, used as an ATV park.
- Purchase agreement made in 2021 5600 acres and July 2022 officially acquired the property.

- They contracted with Larson Design Group to complete the motorized master plan for the site. The work began Fall 2022 with Stakeholder groups, which PTAC was invited to one as well. There were about 13 stakeholder groups in total.
- Launched a survey website, received over 2000 responses with feedback on what they wanted to see with the project. <a href="https://catawissa-recreation-area-ldginc.hub.arcgis.com">https://catawissa-recreation-area-ldginc.hub.arcgis.com</a>
- Update: Larson provided an update report from public input and stakeholder groups. Many respondents said they would drive over 150 miles to this destination site.
- They are wrapping up the trail inventory, when it is completed, they will move on to the concept design.
- They are looking at getting the final report early Fall 2023. They are using that information for an operator of the facility.
- DEP is cleaning up an abandoned mine on the property and building a treatment facility. They are collaborating with DCNR on the project.
- Will there be a fee for entry? They are still working through those details with Larson on the Master plan. They have not fully decided on that.

Joe Perry (PTAC) – On the ATV/Snowmobile/motorized registration committee, they are looking at shifting to a permit vs registration that would allow them to go to these specific areas, like Catawissa.

- There are challenges getting people to register their vehicles. The public doesn't know what the registration money is going to.
- They are looking in to raising fees significantly from \$20/every 2 years. There is fear that if the registration fee is raised considerably, it will turn people away. There is an issue that these users think their funds go to hiking/biking trails, not motorized trails.
- Troy Withers (Motorized Recreation Program Specialist for Bureau of Forestry) If there is a fee to use Catawissa Rec Area, there may be conflict with users why are they paying to use public lands? They are looking to adapt to what other states have done. Looking at Permit or out-of-state fee. They don't want to see areas get enamored with large groups of users.
- Cindy Barrick (PTAC) They are looking at many avenues, there have been not decisions made at this time. It may still be a registration fee, but it has not been worked out yet.

### Selecting 3 New Top Ten Trail Gaps - Alex MacDonald, DCNR

11:10 -

- Alex shared a Power Point Presentation regarding selecting 3 new top 10 trail gaps.
- June 2022 Safe Harbor Bridge opened (Lancaster County), Martic Forge Bridge (Lancaster County) Blair County Under Pass Lot of success which closed 3 gaps on the list this past year.
- Last time they added new gaps they worked with PTAC to select these projects. When they went to the list, many have moved forward and were completed.
- Recommendation for new additions: (There were only 3 on their list)
  - o Appalachian Trail (Schuylkill County) railroad coordination
  - South Bethlehem Greenway Gap (North Hampton County) Railroad Ownership railroad is currently willing to sell. – Acquisition is going to be more costly than the built.
  - Pine Creek Trail Extension (Tioga County Clinton County) DCNR Maintained Trail. railroad issues – They were able to acquire the rail line. All funding has been committed, but not enough for construction.

- Motion to accept new Top 3 and move to Secretary:
- Ron made motion to move next three into top 10 to present to Secretary.
- Chris Firme seconded.

Donna Iannone, PTAC Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn. Brook Lenker motioned to adjourn.

## Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee Thursday, June 15, 2023 --- 10:00am - 3:00pm Rothrock State Forest District Office 181 Rothrock Lane, Huntingdon PA Meeting Minutes

### **PTAC Members present:**

Bob Amelio – Persons with Disabilities
Chris Firme – Hiking
Donna lannone – Members at Large
Brook Lenker – Members at Large
Courtney Mahronich Vita – Members at Large
Pamela Marlowe – Members at Large
Penny Mason – Four-Wheel Driving
Joe Perry – ATV Riding
Ron Steffey – Members at Large
Owen Worozbyt – Bicycling
Marcus Shoffner – Members at Large

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Anil Dham – Members at Large
Brett Hollern – Cross-Country Skiing
Mike Kuhn – Mountain Biking
Cindy Barrick – Snowmobiling
Lydia Martin – Walking
David Saunders – Members at Large
Madeline Erickson – Horseback Riding

### **Others in Attendance:**

Carol Grayshaw – WeConservePA Roy Gothie - PennDOT

### **DCNR** staff:

Stephanie Dressler - BRC

Tom Hanes - BOF

Alex MacDonald - BRC

Leslie Sarvis - BRC

Kristin Zeigler - BRC

Paula Devore - BOSP

Angela Hill - BOSP

Hanna Ryon – Office of Outdoor Rec. Intern

### **Roll Call and Introductions**

- Members, guests, and DCNR staff went around and introduced themselves and discussed a little about their work and where they are from.
- Welcome by Trails Advisory Committee Chair Donna Iannone
  - Highlighted the excitement of being back in person for the PTAC meeting. Last in-person meeting was pre-COVID.
- Approval of March 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - Marcus Shoffner Moved
  - Joe Perry Seconded
  - Passed Unanimous without discussion.

### **Forestry Presentation**

- Mark Potter Rothrock State Forest
- Highlights
  - Strategic plan will be out in later 2023.
  - Broken up into 20 state forest districts throughout the commonwealth.
    - Broken up further into landscape management units.

- Emphasize maintaining wild character and biological diversity.
- Resource Management Plans
  - Guide staff, establish goals

### Trail Gaps - Alex McDonald -DCNR

- 2008 present
  - What is a trail gap?
    - Missing links. In the beginning they surveyed 21 Trail advocacy groups across the state.
    - They created a mass list and only closed 6 by 2014
    - 2014-19 first dedicated trail plan created the top 10 trail gaps criteria
      - Connecting contiguous open miles of trail
      - o Require construction or rehab of major infrastructure.
      - Large amount of funding over \$1 million
      - Inter-agency coordination
    - Took four years to close 2 of the top 10 in 2018
  - 2018 Criteria Re-evaluation
    - Needed project that are more defined
    - Achievable
    - Trail manager or champion
    - 248 trail gaps and 46 had been closed
  - Met with PennDOT, DCNR and some local trail managers to look at the new criteria for priority trail gaps
    - Gap is along a major greenway or regionally significant
    - Connects two existing segments of trail or connects an existing trail to a state park, state forest or key community
    - Gap is less than 5 miles
    - Formalized in official planning document
  - 2019 Gaps dropped from 248 to 112
- o PA Land & Water Trail Network Strategic Plan
  - Still holding up the top 10 as a priority
- o 2021-2022 3 trail gaps have been closed
- The new three projects are going to add those three new projects to the list. DCNR is working on the roll out on that for publicity.
- o Reviewed the remainder of projects that are on the top 10 list.
- Discussion & Hat Exercise

### **Subcommittee Breakouts**

- Communication Committee
  - Discussing getting more word out about trail of the year and encouraging more submissions and the positive impact that it can make on a community
    - No pattern on why the last year there were so few applications
    - Are we getting feedback from prior wins on the positives and negatives of the program and what could be adjusted to improve the program
    - Next Month potential celebration for trail of the year celebration!
  - Promoting trail purpose and what people can do on the trails and where they can do that on specific trails
- Maintenance Committee

- How to improve maintenance along the trails to make it easier and more efficient.
- Trails need to be constructed better, but before that designed better.
- PennState Dirt, Gravel, and low volume road program formerly had a program around trail maintenance. The committee would like to pursue reviving the program and encouraging engineers, public works officials, and trail managers to go through the program so that we are building and maintaining it efficiently.
- We are looking to set up a meeting with Penn State DGR, DCNR, and PTAC members to discuss what would be needed to revive the program.
- Working with WeConserve to better organize the library to have a designated maintenance library subtopic that can be easily found and shared with trail groups.
- Penn State DGR rep offered to come do a presentation to the PTAC committee

### Economic Impact

- Outdoor recreation brings in a lot of money to the commonwealth.
- There is trouble locating that information and figures to use for our advocacy efforts and there is a lack of data.
- Recommending to Nathan, Outdoor Recreation Office, to gather and quantify the information around the impact of outdoor recreation and make that information easily accessible for groups to fine. We know trails make an impact and bring in a lot of money, but what are those numbers.
- Series of success stories a quick one page regarding the impact on the community focusing on trails

### **Grant Application Reviews**

- Opportunity for the committee to submit feedback on the applications that have come in
- Committee no longer scores due to a variety of things, but the conflict of interest became an issue.
- It is helpful for the staff to see the outsider perspective and comments on the projects.
- Thoughts from the committee:
  - The DCNR staff has access to the comments that are submitted by the committee and use that in their scoring.
  - Some applicants danced around the questions and did not really answer the questions
  - For SCORP some applicants didn't give answer for both plans or either plans
  - For the virtual application trainings, has application quality slipped when it changed from in-person to virtual?
    - Feedback from people has been positive on the switch to virtual
  - DCNR is hopeful that announcement will be as early as last year. They have gotten from this administration is that they want to limit response times and wait times.

### **Statewide Greenways & Trails Summit**

- Encourage PTAC members to attend
- o DCNR will pay for summit, registration, and travel expenses
- Registering for the summit Code will come from DCNR to complete that registration.
- Others logistical information will come out for the committee to get hotels booked.

- They would like to have a committee meeting at the summit. It is usually watered down from a full committee meeting – potentially meeting during the lunch on Monday – concerns creating a very packed day
- o DCNR will send out for both Monday and Tuesday for lunch.

### **Updates on Catawissa Project**

o There is an internal draft of the master plan with the steering committee.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

- o Joe Perry moved
- o Brook Lenker Second
- Approved

### Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee Thursday, December 7, 2023 --- 1:00pm - 3:00pm Microsoft Teams Meeting Meeting Minutes

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Bob Amelio - Persons with Disabilities

Chris Firme - Hiking

Donna lannone – Members at Large

Brook Lenker – Members at Large

Courtney Mahronich Vita – Members at Large

Pamela Marlowe – Members at Large

Penny Mason – Four-Wheel Driving

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Madeline Erickson – Horseback Riding

### PTAC Members not present:

Cindy Barrick – Snowmobiling

Ron Steffey – Members at Large

Bobby Brown - Off Highway Motorcycling

### **Others in Attendance:**

Carol Grayshaw – WeConservePA

Robert Campbell – WeConservePA

Roy Gothie – PennDOT

Cody Gill - Public

### **DCNR** staff present:

Stephanie Dressler – BRC

Alex MacDonald - BRC

Leslie Sarvis – BRC

Kristin Zeigler - BRC

Tom Ford - BRC

Dave Maher - BRC

Mark Palerino – BRC

Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith - DCNR

Nathan Reigner – DCNR

Nicole Faraguna – DCNR

Meredith Hill - DCNR

Troy Withers – BOF

Tyler Semder – BOF

Matt Crosbie - BOF

Paula Devore - BOSP

### <u>Donna Iannone – PA Trails Advisory Committee, Chair</u>

- Called the meeting to order at 1:01PM Thank you for being on the call.
- Approval of June meeting minutes
  - Brook Lenker Moved
  - Joe Perry Seconded
- Passed unanimous without discussion

### Tom Ford – DCNR Bureau of Recreation & Conservation, Director

- Thanked the Committee for their time, energy, and for supporting trail efforts across the commonwealth.
- Thanks to the outgoing members.
- Update on the Round 29.5 ATV/SNOW Grant Applications
  - Executive level meetings in progress
  - Anticipate announcing the grant awards in January 2024
- New Deputy Secretary starting Dec 18th, Claire Jantz Coming from Shippensburg University
- Introduced DCNR's new Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith

### Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith new Director of DEIB (amarshallh@pa.gov)

- Joined the DCNR team in August 2023
- Licensed attorney for 17 years her work mostly involved social justice

### DCNR has a DEIB Strategic Priority Plan

- 1. DEIB Fundamentals learning opportunities, education, how does it apply to you, why it matters, how we can use it in our work, internal and public facing
- 2. Career pipelines, workforce development DCNR looking to increase diversity in our workforce and the communities we work with
- 3. Untold Stories Rich cultural history in Pennsylvania
- 4. Community Engagement how do we start to attract diverse populations and get them interested in DCNR attract them to state land and to apply for grants and to do work in their communities
  - a. PTAC can help with this
- 5. Equitable Access what do we need to do to make state lands more accessible? How do we make people feel comfortable and welcome?
  - a. PTAC can help with this

Coming from a legal world, Arlene's experience is very different than the conservation/trails world. She wants to be a resource for PTAC but would also like to collaborate with PTAC

### **Q&A for Arlene**

Q: David Saunders – Director of Health Equity, PA Department of Health – offering his office to support the DEIB efforts and to collaborate

Q: Anil Dham – a lot of schools in minority communities don't have a chance to get to state parks. Can we collaborate with school districts to get the kids to the parks?

A: Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith – we are trying to establish those connections. We are looking at funding options. If you have suggestions on people/partners for funding to help support transportation she would like to continue the conversation

Q: Donna lannone – have we done an inventory of state lands and have we looked at the demographic/audience?

A: Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith – we have a study group that is working on this.

Q: Donna lannone – is there a survey to find out who is using the parks/forests?

A: Tom Ford – as part of the last Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) we worked with Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to do analysis for us. They looked at 10 min walk/drive to outdoor recreation opportunities. But we did not collect demographics, but that information can be found in the US Census data.

The Penn's Parks for All Report was shared in the chat.

### <u>Troy Withers – Motorized Recreation Specialist, Bureau of Forestry (BOF) – ATV Regional Trail</u> Connector Pilot

- History: Act 56 of 1985 required ATV registration with DCNR
  - o Trails opened on state land in the 1990s
  - o Illegal riding has been one of the top management problems
  - Recently there has been a shift to more family style riding
- 2017 DCNR commissioned a study to look at the feasibility of developing a long-distance riding
  - Found many challenges
- 2018 language was added to the fiscal code that required DCNR to develop this long-distance riding system
  - DCNR was unable to complete, but this implemented the Northcentral ATV Initiative
- 2021 the ATV pilot opened
  - o Introduced "tag fee" riders purchased a permit to ride
  - Allowed BOF to monitor the users
  - BOF is working on a report of their findings from monitoring the pilot to be presented to the General Assembly at the end of 2023
- Management Principles
  - Ecosystem Management
  - Low-Density / Dispersed Recreation
  - Compatible ATV use
  - Co-location whenever possible / utilize existing infrastructure
  - Road Use
- Regional ATV Goals
  - Connectivity connect trail systems to other trail systems and connect riders to local businesses
  - Provide real nature-based experiences for users
  - Long distance systems not stacked loops
- Monitoring along Framework of Sustainability
  - Ecological

- Unauthorized Trails, Sensitive Trail Segment Survey, Sensitive Native Plant Habitat Survey, Invasive Plant Surveys
- Social
  - Recreational Use, Sound Monitoring, Law Enforcement Actions, Stakeholder and Public Engagement
- Economic/Managerial
  - Department Staff and Materials Tracking, Economic Impact Analysis, Impacts on Local EMS
- Recreation + Education = Stewardship

### **Questions about the ATV Pilot:**

Q: Penny Mason - As Off-Road vehicles get larger, has any consideration been given to giving full sized vehicles access to these trails?

A: Troy Withers - Yes and No. We have looked at increasing Class 2 classification, but at this point no, full sized "street" vehicles are not allowed. Because we would need to create an actual OHV policy. Right now, DCNR only has an ATV policy.

Q: Donna lannone – Is there going to be expansion of the ATV riding area?

A: Troy Withers- DCNR is recommending the creation of a joint authority to manage this moving forward and any future expansion would be handled by that authority.

Alex MacDonald jumped in to say any future expansion will probably have to come from the local level (counties/municipalities). DCNR has resources to support it, but the desire to expand is going to have to come from the local level.

Q: Donna lannone - how does it work for municipalities that have DCNR land within their boundaries?

A: Alex MacDonald – the municipalities will lead the effort but must bring DCNR into the conversation. Troy – we are not currently looking to increase trail mileage. Municipalities need to be able to show they want to increase connectivity.

Q: Mike Kuhn— is there any consideration for extending the riding season?

A: Troy Withers – No, not at this time. We do not want ATV riding to conflict with other recreation on state forest land (ie hunting/fishing).

Q: Joe Perry – do you have data about where the riders are from that are visiting the ATV Pilot? And has the pilot had an impact on lodging? Folks are coming from Pittsburgh/Philly/out of state and that's a tough one-day trip.

A: Troy Withers – there are definitely folks from out of state and please keep in mind that NY does not recognize UTVs so those vehicle owners are forced to register in PA. We are finding that folks are visiting for an avg of 3 days, but the number staying at Air BnBs is not staggering. Most of the visitors are staying at leased camps along the riding corridor.

### **Trail of the Year Nominations**

We received 5 nominations this year. The subcommittee reviewed and scored all of the nominations and a clear top three emerged.

- Newtown Rail Trail in Bucks County. 2.5 miles connects Tamanend Park to Pennypack Trail
- *Trails at Jakes Rocks* in Warren County. 35 miles of mountain bike trails. Many connections to camping, visitor facilities, and other recreation opportunities in Allegheny National Forest
- Park to Perkiomen Trail in Montgomery County. 1 mile connector between the Perkiomen Trail
  and the Upper Salford Township Community Park

The full committee voted via online survey to determine which trail would be awarded the title of 2024 Pennsylvania Trail of the Year.

<u>Trestle Bridge Restoration</u> – presented by Anil Dham, member of PA Trails Advisory Committee

- 920 ft span over Schuylkill River connecting Royersford to the Schuylkill River Trail
- Efforts began in 2016/2017. <u>SaveTheTrestle.com</u>
- Montgomery and Chester County
- Bridge was built in 1919. It has been abandoned for 30-40 years.
- Collaborated with many organizations
- Grants from DCNR, DCED, Montgomery County, PECO, and others
- Originally \$2M before COVID, ended up being \$3.3M
- Anticipate opening to the public on January 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- Etiquette Nothing to report
- Maintenance Nothing to report
- Communication had a meeting with WeConservePA about writing content for the WeConservePA Trails blog/webpage
- Economic Impacts Nothing to report, but 2 members are rolling off, so we will need to look at membership for this subcommittee next year

Thank you to the outgoing committee members! Donna lannone, Mike Kuhn, Lydia Martin

No additional business/news to be discussed.

Donna lannone asked for a motion to adjourn at 2:55pm

**Brook Lenker motioned** 

Joe Perry seconded

**Happy Holidays!**