

Cumberland Valley Trail Committee (CVTC)

3rd Quarter meeting – July 9th 2015

In attendance – Andrea Crouse, Rebecca Yearick, Ra Kligge, Dawn Rickenbach, Jim Mader, Bob Schmidlein, Stephanie Williams

Andrea Crouse (Carlisle Parks & Recreation)

The West End Trail Connection is slated to be started and completed in 2016. Valley Meadows to see some storm water improvements as part of a PennDOT and DCNR grant. A Greenways, Trail Recreation Program grant was submitted for additional improvements to Valley Meadows Park.

Rebecca Yearick (Redevelopment Authority) – reported

Bike rack design finalized for the New Cumberland locations. Downtown Mechanicsburg has decided to table placing bike racks for now.

Jim Mader (Cumberland Valley Rail Trail)

Trailhead improvements continue to take place. Looking to add signage at Allen Rd & Newville points of the trail. CVRT is finishing up projects from the 2014 grant cycle. Items in the works are trifold brochures and kiosks. CVRT adopted 1 mile of Allen Road to do trash clean-up and the group has made an impact already. The trail has been slightly impacted by some of the summer storms, but the trail is good. The parking area at Allen Rd still has parking spot challenges, but so far it's working for those that use the trail. An Eagle Scout helped out recently by cutting in some hiking trails to intersect with the trail. A reminder was given about the "Fall down the trail" event which takes place in September. CVRT was awarded the Champion Award from Partnership for Better Health.

Dawn Rickenbach (CAEDC & Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau)

High level update on Newville. Dawn shared how their company newsletters call out partner activity/stats/etc and Trails had a mention in the CAEDC June edition. Roundtable reminders and call out. Reminder to share events and other information with us on organizations visiting our region and then shared that Newville will be the host of the PA Little League State Tournament at the end of July.

Ra Kligge (Shippensburg Rotary)

Gave a Rotary update on the restrooms being placed at the Shippensburg end for the CVRT. Ra has made some key connections doing this project and has received positive and negative responses, but all looks to be moving forward. He has confirmed with the Township on them taking responsibility in cleaning once project is complete. He asked the group for suggestions in starting a biking initiative in Shippensburg.

Stephanie Williams (Cumberland County Planning)

Shared the new local parks & recreation rebranding initiative and passed around a recently received case study.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 8th at the CAEDC & Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau office, at 2:00pm at 53 W. South Street in Carlisle.