

# HUNTINGDON COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 2, 2026

Committee Members: Matt Price, Matt Bjorkman, Nathan Querry, Jess Weir

Stakeholders, visitors, and ex-officio members: Laurie Nearhood, James Campbell

## **Review and Action on December 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

Matt Price called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A motion to approve the December 5, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Matt Bjorkman and seconded by Nathan Querry. The motion carried.

## **ATC Committee Reorganization:**

Matt Bjorkman is willing to accept a reappointment as Secretary. Matt Price is willing to accept a reappointment as Chair. George Conrad, the previous Vice Chair, is no longer serving on the Committee. A motion was made by Matt Bjorkman and seconded by Nathan Querry to approve the reappointment of Matt Bjorkman as Secretary and Matt Price as Chair. The motion carried. An appointment for Vice Chair has been tabled until the January 30, 2026 meeting.

## **Lifeways Subcommittee Report:**

Laurie Nearhood sent information regarding a proposed Dollar General on the Petersburg Borough and Logan Township border and beside the Juniata Valley Senior Center. Matt Price commented that if the facades of the Dollar General line up with the Juniata Valley Senior Center, it would be beneficial to have a sidewalk that connects the two buildings. Dollar General is planning to put a sidewalk adjacent to their façade. The sidewalk connection would provide a good connection for the Senior Center guests to access the Dollar General. Laurie Nearhood noted that the Juniata Village apartment complex is across the street from the proposed Dollar General site, and pedestrian access across Route 305 would be beneficial as well. Laurie Nearhood also sent the Broad Top City SALDO amendment to Committee members. The amended SALDO requires all subdivision and land development proposals to include sidewalks. The Committee's support for the inclusion of sidewalks in the amended SALDO will be noted in the County comments to Broad Top City.

## **Outreach and Education Subcommittee Report:**

Matt Price stated that the Visitors' Bureau will be releasing the press release for the America 250 Challenge. The press release will come from both the Visitors' Bureau and the Active Transportation Committee. The website for the Challenge is already posted.

## **Trail Network Connections Subcommittee Report:**

Matt Price mentioned that the Friends of Raystown Lake will have a group from the American Hiking Society visiting in March. For Alternative break, ten college students and a faculty advisor will be doing work on the Allegrippas Trail and possibly the Terrace Mountain Trail over a 4-day period. He noted the Rothrock State Forest projects have taken a break over the winter but will resume in the

spring. Matt Price mentioned that Rothrock State Forest is having an issue with “rogue trails” being built around Musser’s Gap in Centre County. Building these “rogue trails” is highly discouraged. Matt Bjorkman mentioned that there have not been any meetings for the Saxton Trail Conenctivity Study since the last meeting in December. Matt Price mentioned a DCNR award for Hopewell Borough in Bedford County to build an access point to the Juniata River water trail. He also mentioned he had reviewed the Juniata River Water Trail maps for Jane Sheffield.

Matt Price reported that Visitors’ Bureau Board will be reviewing several trails fund applications at their upcoming board meeting. He reminded the Committee that the required 25% match can be labor.

**Other Business:**

Laurie Nearhood reached out to DCNR for possible representation on the Committee. DCNR recommended their new Recreation Forester, who will not be onboarded to DCNR until April, 2026. Jess Weir discussed Allegrippis Trails and the Raystown Area Mountain Bike Organization (RAMBO). She explained several grants are available for the community center and coordination with the school district is required for one of the grants, which would provide scholarships and bikes. She reported there are upcoming RAMBO word days and preparation is beginning for Dirt Fest. Laurie Nearhood noted there were several First Day hikes yesterday and Matt Price commented there is usually a First Day event for paddlers on the Little Juniata River.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned. The next ATC meeting will be January 30, 2026.