

HUNTINGDON COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 5, 2025

Committee Members: Matt Price, George Conrad, Alisha Grove, Matthew Bjorkman, Jane Sheffield, Nathan Querry

Stakeholders, visitors, and ex-officio members: Brian Wisner, Laurie Nearhood, Jeff McCauley, Jess Weir, James Campbell

Review and Action on October 31, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Matt Price called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A motion to approve the October 31, 2025 meeting minutes was made by George Conrad and seconded by Alisha Grove. The motion carried.

ATC Committee Recommendations:

George Conrad and Laura White will not be accepting new terms, but do wish to stay involved. Jess Weir has submitted an application to the Commissioners to be appointed to the Committee. Matt Price, Alisha Grove, and Nathan Querry have accepted a new 4-year appointments. There are two openings on the Committee. George Conrad noted Thomas Allison, DCNR Environmental Education Specialist as a potential nominee. A motion was made by Matthew Bjorkman to forward recommendations regarding reappointments and appointments to the County Commissioners. George Conrad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9/11 Trail/Main Line Canal Greenway Subcommittee Report:

Matt Price mentioned that a meeting was scheduled with Norfolk Southern for Segment 13. The meeting coordinated by Tom Yoder will discuss the railroad bridge that crosses between Huntingdon Borough and Smithfield Township and getting under the tracks near Standing Stone Creek. Brian Wisner mentioned that there is some undermining to two of the piers on the bridge so there will be work that needs to occur on the bridge before turning it in to a pedestrian bridge. Some entity will need to take ownership of the bridge if it is acquired from Norfolk Southern. Senator Judy Ward's office has been contacted about accessing the bridge and land. Jeff mentioned that the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance is working with the Governors Office and PennDOT to install trail signs on the on-road sections of the trail, including in Huntingdon County. Jeff asked for municipal contacts in Huntingdon County. Laurie Nearhood reported Judy Scott could not be present, but has indicated work on Segment 1 is ongoing and a subcommittee meeting is scheduled.

Outreach and Education Subcommittee Report:

Matt Price discussed the draft of the America 250 Active Challenge that he sent to committee members. The link for the challenge is up on the Raystown.org website. The Visitors Bureau will do a press release about the challenge in early 2026. Jane Sheffield mentioned that Penn State has completed the maps of the water trails and she will have them send the maps to Matt Price for review. Matt Bjorkman mentioned that SAP&DC will begin updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and will involve the Committee in the public outreach.

Lifeways Subcommittee Report:

Laurie Nearhood reported the zoning hearing for the Warriors Mark Dollar General is occurring in early December. She noted nothing has been received regarding a Dollar General in Petersburg.

Trail Network Connections Subcommittee Report:

Matt Price said there was an article in the Daily News about the Saxton Trail Connectivity Study. Matt got an update from the Rothrock Trails Alliance. They completed the work on Phase 1 and all of the trails are open. They are still working on Phase 2, including installing a bridge. Phase 3 will be trails around Greenwood Furnace. Phases 4 and 5 were introduced and will focus around Greenlee Mountain. George Conrad mentioned the Standing Stone Trail Alliance had their meeting about building a trail shelter in Three Springs. The Borough offered a piece of property for the shelter. Another project for 2026 is to close a trail loop on top of Jacks Mountain. Jess provided updates on the Allgrippis Trails and maintenance taking place.

Other Business:

Nathan and Matt Price mentioned that Commissioner Reeder referenced an expansion of the hotel tax fund, managed through the Visitors Bureau, to include funds for first responders to access trails or purchase equipment for emergency response.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned. The next ATC meeting will be January 2, 2026.