



Northumberland County

ANTHRACITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AREA

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHV – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

AGENDA 8/16/2021 – 6:30 pm

- 1) **Chairman:** Call to order. Time: __6:30 pm__
- 2) **Chairman:** Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Chairman:** Moment of Silence
- 4) **Secretary:** Roll Call:

Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

- 5) Public Comment – Agenda Items Only:
Chairman: Is there any public comment on agenda items only? None

- 6) Secretary’s Report / Minutes:
Chairman: I would ask for a Motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting?

Motion: **SCHWARTZ** Second: **YORWARTH**
 On the question? **NONE**
 Voice Vote

All in Favor? **YES**
 Any Opposed? **NO**

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- 7) Treasurer’s Report:
Chairman: I would ask for a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and ratify the payment of the bills contained within.

Motion: **YORWARTH** Second: **SCHWARTZ**
 On the question? **REVENUE: \$91,946.72**
 EXPENSES\$73,624.00
 LARGEST EXPENSE BEING
 PAYROLL.

Roll Call Vote:

<u> YES </u>	<u> YES </u>	<u> YES </u>	<u> YES </u>	<u> YES </u>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

8) **Correspondence:**

- **LETTER FROM NEWTOWN ROCK FASTPITCH**
- **LETTER FROM BLUE MOUNTAIN JEEP ALLIANCE**
- **LETTER FROM MOMMY & ME RESCUE**
- **LETTER FROM GERTRUDE BRENNING**
- **RIGHT-TO-KNOW FROM PATTY ZABLOSKY**

9)

- Harley event went smoothly – 65% of the preregistration showed up.
- Jeep Jamboree was sold out, booked 2022
- Tread Lightly was onsite this past weekend. They installed signs, did some trail cleanup and will be funding the cost of the dumpster. They will be back in the fall or spring to do another larger scale event. Great organization to partner with. The event was put together by Quadratec. *This was there first time on the East Coast.*
- The tire dumpster is here. Tread Lightly will help fund some of the cost to recycle the tires. We just have to submit an invoice.
- The RFP for the pipe project has been submitted to DCNR for approval.
- Williams pipeline will be coming out to do some blocking of the right-of-way to keep riders off the steep area
- Wes from DCNR will be out Friday the 13th to see the Bootlegger so we can close out the grant. *Report and Photos will be done by end of week per Wes.*
- FTB ride is live
- Kawasaki KRX demo tour 8/25-30.

➤ **Business Manger Report**

- Submitted for Grant Reimbursement for Expenses for the design of the Box Culvert to date
- Submitted for Grant Reimbursement for Expenses for the Rail to Trail to date
- Merchandise shed is open, all items have been entered into inventory in revel.

10) **Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to approve to sign a local match to DCED for the SR 125 Box Culvert Construction Project (Ratification).

Motion:	<u>CROWL</u>	Second:	<u>YOWARTH</u>	
On the question?	_____			
Roll Call Vote:				
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**.

11) **Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to approve the Flight the Blight Benefit Ride to be held on September 11, 2021.

Motion:	<u>SWARTZ</u>	Second:	<u>YORWARTH</u>	
On the question?	<i>Format change this year</i>			
	<i>Destinations for prize cards</i>			
Roll Call Vote:				
YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

We have a five-member board, we are all appointed and all volunteers. The county came to us a couple years ago, they were looking for ways to increase revenue. The AOAA is funded by pass sales and merchandise, one of our biggest cost is insurance and payroll. We started making donations to help local municipalities and the county. We spend a ton of money trying to keep our riders on our property. The gates we install is to keep our riders on our property. On February 4, 2020, the county made a motion for the AOAA to start managing the timber on the county land. We hired a Forrester, we had him look at the property. There is 493 acres on the Zerbe Township above the road. We told him we wanted a select cut for 25% of that property. There were two 60-acre pieces, that we wanted a select cut done on. We wanted the stumps to stay, the next step was to find a way to get the timber off the land. The AOAA purchased a piece of land by the trolley line for \$25,000. Two weeks ago a adjacent landowner called Mr. Backes. Mr. Backes called and spoke to Commissioner Schiccatano, and the county decided to stop the project. Would the timber project help the run off that is currently happening, we will never know because the project was stopped before the Forrester could even mark the trees. The AOAA was not getting any money from the timbering, follow the money trail. This will actually cost the AOAA money.

Jane Konyar – Has lived on Trevorton Road since 1977, in 2014 when the fences went up and the ditches were dug she has since spent thousands of dollars dealing with water issues.

Dan Zablosky - The problem is that none of the people on the AOAA board live on Trevorton Road, you do not have to deal with water run off issue. This was all brought up behind the scenes. None of the residents on Trevorton knew about it.

12) **Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to cancel the contract with Kort Forestry for a select cut timber management project in Zebre Township at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion:	<u>YORWARTH</u>	Second:	<u>SCHWARTZ</u>	
On the question?				
Roll Call Vote:				
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

13) **Chairman:** Is there any old business?

14) **Chairman:** Is there any new business?

15) **Chairman:** Is there any public comment on items other than those on the agenda? None

16) **Chairman:** Is there a need for an executive session? NONE

17) **Chairman:** Is there a Motion to Adjourn?

Motion: **MACK**

Meeting adjournment time: **7:29**

