

Resolution Number 03-05-12

WHEREAS, the Colebrookdale Railroad, a rail line extending a distance of 8.6 miles from milepost 0.0 at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, to milepost 8.6 at Boyertown, Pennsylvania, dates from the mid-nineteenth century and is an under-utilized historic resource;

WHEREAS, the Colebrookdale Railroad's history and construction reflects the culture and heritage of Pottstown, Boyertown, and Southeastern Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the Colebrookdale Railroad possesses natural and architectural beauty unsurpassed by any railroad in the northeastern United States;

WHEREAS, the re-use of the Colebrookdale Railroad as a passenger operation will catalyze heritage and recreational tourism activity and other development in Pottstown and Boyertown and will take advantage of a tourism opportunity gap;

WHEREAS, passenger operation of the Colebrookdale Railroad will create jobs in Pottstown and Boyertown both directly and indirectly;

WHEREAS, the Colebrookdale Railroad offers an unparalleled educational opportunity to tell the story of the early American iron making, milling, lumber, and transportation industries central to the growth of the nation, a story of which the Colebrookdale Railroad and our region is a part;

WE THEREFORE, pledge our support to the creation of a dedicated tourist railroad on the Colebrookdale Railroad for the benefit and enjoyment of citizens, visitors, students, and the business communities of our region. We support the efforts of the project proponents to secure funding to facilitate tourist passenger service and will, in the future, aid in efforts to that end to the extent determined by our governing board to be necessary and prudent.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution shall for any reason be found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such determination shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council of the Borough of Boyertown that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part not been included herein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough Council of the Borough of Boyertown has adopted this Resolution in lawful session this 5th day of March 2012.

BOROUGH COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By:

President

Attest: _____
Secretary