

Minutes of the Bike and Hike Committee (Amended)
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976
Meeting Held May 16, 2018

Committee Members Present: Aaron Mulder, Chairman; Sharon Kaszan,, Vice- Chair; Gerald Sapers, Secretary; Scott Vogin,, Bernadette Marron, Ira Meyers

Township Officials Present: Eileen Albillar, Township Supervisor and Liaison to Board of Supervisors, Roy Rieder (Director of Planning and Special Projects and Zoning Officer, Warrington Township)

Aaron Mulder called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Public Comment: None

Old Business

A. New Trail Developments

1. Roy Rieder reported that Metropolitan Construction will proceed in a few days with construction of the trail along the Vesci property frontage on Street Road which will connect to the PECO Powerline Trail at the bridge.
2. Planning of the 202 Parkway Trail connector to the Warrington Trail system, is proceeding with completion of negotiations with the quarry. An easement has been negotiated for a trail in the vicinity of Bellflower Blvd. and Pickertown Road near Lower State Road. (providing access to CB South HS?)
3. Planning of a link to Barness Park is continuing. Funding issues may limit implementation of these plans.
4. Aaron Mulder will resume work on a natural trail in the woods off the PECO Powerline Trail when it dries out.
5. Funds (\$280 K) have been approved for acquisition of 66 acres of open space in the Mill Creek area. However, these funds cannot be used for trail development.
6. A number of plans for proposed developments (Patient First at Easton Road and Georges Lane; townhouses at 2627 County Line Road; a 3-lot subdivision at 3572 Limekiln Pike; and automobile dealerships at Street and Easton Roads) were examined by the Committee regarding the location and necessity for sidewalks. A small development (Lenape Valley?) proposed at Longview and Herblew Roads near Stuckert Rd. is probably is too small to justify a sidewalk. Sharon Kaszan will write up our recommendations. As a matter of principal, the Committee recommends construction of sidewalks at frontages of new developments and where safe access to

locations of interest is required. Sidewalks are recommended for Detweiler Road to facilitate access to the nearby 202 Parkway Trail.

B. Family Campout

Planning of the family campout, scheduled for June 2-3, is continuing. The National Trails Day hike will be an optional activity of the campout. Preliminary information about this event has been submitted for the spring issue of *The Link* to publicize this event. However, more participants are needed to make this event viable. The Committee agreed to cancel the campout if fewer than 5 families signed up. Contact Aaron Mulder for details.

C. Warrington Community Day

1. Information was provided to Scott Vogin regarding sources of volunteers to assist the Committee in running the Fishing Derby and potential sources of prizes for the most successful anglers. Scott suggested creating a new prize category for the largest smallmouth bass caught in order to provide more prize opportunities for catching sunfish. Any efforts to secure donations of prizes for the fishing derby will be cleared with the WCD committee to avoid any annoying solicitations. Scott will be in touch with a Bass Pro store in Atlantic City regarding donation of prizes for the fishing derby. He also is considering providing fly casting demonstrations if it can be done safely in the space provided.
2. The fishing derby and the family hike will both start at 9 AM, departing from the same general location as indicated by signage near the Bradford Dam Trail trailhead. Perhaps that will simplify the parking situation and attract more hikers.
3. New activities (fly tying?) and the demonstration of fly casting at the creek (after the conclusion of the fishing derby) might be promoted at the booth to attract more visitors. A larger trail map is recommended for the booth. The simulated camp site and trail may be repeated to attract activity to the booth. Photographs of past Bike & Hike WCD events will be provided for creation of posters to be displayed at the booth.
4. Scott suggests developing a brochure promoting Bike & Hike activities that can be displayed at our WCD booth to publicize future activities and events.

D. National Trails Day Hike

The hike route will use the natural trail over the Warrington Glen Connector right-of-way and a natural trail segment off the Bradford Dam trail near the fishing area, depending on trail condition. The hike will take place on June 2 at 10 AM and will be led by Gerry Sapers and/or Sharon Kaszan. This event is publicized in the spring and summer issues of *The Link*.

New Business

E. Warrington Hiking Club

A spring hike was enjoyed by 10-15 participants on trails in Kemper Park (Warminster) and off nearby Stony Road in Warwick. The woodland near the Old Mill Farm Nursery is being considered for a fall hike when existing trails are cleared by the owner of this property. Trails in Doylestown Township off Wells Road will be used for longer hikes during the year. Other trails at parks in New Britain, Chalfont, Peace Valley Park, and at the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow (near Peddler's Village.) Dates for future hikes will be announced.

- F. Use of the Township Facebook Page to publicize Bike & Hike events is recommended. Jackie is the contact person. Postings should be made on the community page and on the Bike & Hike Committee page.
- G. Warrington Cares Sprint Triathlon. Ira Meyers has provided the following contact to sign up (www.DQevents.com). 35 people have signed up so far.
- H. Open Space Plan: Scott Vogin suggested expansion of fishing opportunities at Bradford Reservoir. Access to promising fishing locations and removal of water chestnuts that interfere with fishing were discussed. Scott also has suggested creating elevated platforms to attract nesting ospreys at the reservoir and stocking the reservoir with bass.
- I. Annual Report for 2017: To be presented by Gerald Sapers (Chairman during 2017) on June 26 at the BOS meeting at 7 PM. The Committee approved the Draft Annual Report that was submitted to the current chairman and committee members for review. All members of the Committee are urged to attend this event so supplement the Chairman's presentation if needed.
- J. Vacancy on Committee: An announcement of a vacancy on the Bike & Hike Committee in the Spring Link yielded responses that are currently being followed up. One applicant, Dr. Michael Diorka provided the Committee with a completed application, letter of introduction and resume. He was present at the April 18 meeting and stated his interest in joining the committee. He asked numerous questions about the work our committee did that were answered by the members present. We were impressed by his qualifications and interest in our committee and are prepared to recommend to him to the BOS for appointment to our committee. However, we understand he has considered other Township positions, and we have not yet been informed of his availability.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes for April 18 were approved by the Committee members present at that meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Sapers, Secretary