



## MINUTES

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BIKE AND HIKE COMMITTEE

March 17, 2021

7:30 p.m

**ATTENDEES:** Scott Vogin, Lynette Schiavoni, James Lang, Erynn Jacobsen, Peter Norman, Andy Oles, Ruth Schemm, Dr. Michael Diorka

#### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Feb 2021 - Minutes approved

#### **Recognition**

- Happy Birthday to Sethu, our Chairman, His birthday is today, 3/17
- On behalf of the Bike Hike Committee, we send our Congratulations to Barb Livrone on her retirement after 27 1/2 yrs with Warrington Township!

#### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

##### **Millcreek Parcel - Lynette reported**

- Warrington has hired Natural Lands to do a master plan for Millcreek.
- Natural Lands will do an assessment of the level of the trails and recommends the type of trail that would be suited best in a particular location. ie: asphalt, gravel, natural
- Natural Lands holds an easement, which is called a conservation easement as a legally binding agreement between a landowner and a qualified conservation org that permanently limits a property's use and binds all present and future owners of the land.
- Natural Lands will hold an easement as a level of protection. This is in the event that if a new development is proposed to be built, there is already an easement in place.
- We pay them for the yearly service as a level of protection.
- Ivy's suggestion was to visit Gwynedd Preserve off of 202. Owned by Natural Lands - you can see a large beautiful amount of preservation there.

**Bicycle Resolution** - was voted and passed at the last Supervisor's meeting.

#### **Bike Hike Priorities:**

- **Trail Map** - Andy presented an updated map that now includes Nike to Bradford Dam

area. The map is now posted on the Warrington website under Trails.

- **Trail Walk** - The trail identification has begun with Peter Norman heading up the review along with Sethu and Scott. They walked from Lion's Pride, crossing over to Nike Park and down to Bradford Dam.
  - Identification issues to improve Bradford Dam
    - Flooding areas - warning signs could be set up ahead of trail that could alert pedestrians/bikers of potential flooding areas ahead
  - Goal to have a map with details showing name of each trail and length.

### **New Trail Development**

- Street Road - new Enclave Development near Wedgeway has crushed stone poured.
- Segment B 202 - approval for flashing poles to be installed
- Crossing at Nike Park on Folly Rd. - flashing poles were installed. Flashing lights will be activated after all the curbs and stripes have been completed.
- Crossing at Shetland will be the next project.
- Segment A
  - Crossing at Stump Rd. - not installed yet.
  - Parking lot on the East side - no update
  - **Andy will look into both issues**

### **Trail Maintenance**

- Park Stewards are not always able to resolve a problem found on the trails.
- Discussion about signs put up on trails with a township phone number to call if you see a problem.
- Consensus is to have a message on the Bike Hike page on the website with "Call this number if you found an issue concerning our trails", or contact Janine Winslow, Park Rec Coordinator by email at: [jwinslow@warringtontownship.org](mailto:jwinslow@warringtontownship.org) or Andy Oles, Director at: [aoles@warringtontownship.org](mailto:aoles@warringtontownship.org)
- Suggested that predominantly it should be the Bike Hike Committee's responsibility to keep an eye on the trails for issues. This is our purpose and objective.
- Bucks County owns the 300 acres in Bradford Dam, and Warrington leases the parcel. Warrington is responsible for the cost of the maintenance with the exception of the Dam itself, which is Federal property.

- Bring your ideas to the Park & Rec Committee and they will submit to the Board.
- Bradford Dam parcel is zoned passive recreation which means no motor vehicles, no motor bikes allowed.
- The Dam has invasive species. Clearing is a huge project. Bucks County conservationists are aware of the invasiveness and trying to work on it from headway down. They are started at Nockamixon. The pond in upper Nike could have some positive effects on Bradford Dam in addition to the new culvert on Folly Rd.

### **Development Proposals**

- Folly and Street Rd. Assisted Living historic building will be saved by the new developer.
- Lamplighter will not allow pedestrians to walk through their community to get to the park.
  - Suggestion is to direct walkers to drive to Lion's Pride Park area, park their car and use the Morning Walk trail.
  - Discussion around driving to Morning Walk and parking cars could be a potential complaint from residents near Morning Walk if too many cars start parking on their street. It's better to direct walkers to go to Lion's Pride to park.

### **Trail Head Names Recommended:**

1. Morning Walk should be named Lion's Pride
2. Lower Nike to Bradford
3. Weisel

### **Bike Education**

- Scott did not hear anything from his contacts
- Erynn is cautiously optimistic that her resources will be able to conduct the bike safety courses, as Covid cases are going down and more vaccines are being given.

### **Warrington Day**

- Start thinking about ideas for the booth.
- Literature needed will need some lead time to get from our state legislators
- Andy has many brochures we could use

### **Fishing Derby**

- Sign up sheet to be posted on the Parks and Recreation site

- Possible donation gift cards from Powerbait and Eagle Claw - requires essay write-up.
- Scott requested help with the wording on the essay. **Andy and Ruth will help Scott**
- Tackle box as a give-away
- Boy-scout troop will be assisting with the derby

### **Annual Report**

- Schedule the date with Jen (Barb's new replacement) that we want to present the report to the Board

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Link Article**

Please be advised your articles for submission for the Summer Newsletter, *The Link* are due on or before Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please send to Jen Fielding who will now be the editor of the Link. Her email address is [HERE](#)

Ms. Fielding will be your Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary/ Editor of the Link as of April 2

- **Scott will write an article on the Fishing Derby**
- **Peter will write a trails article that includes reminding people of the trails, what we are working on such as trail markers, trail heads, QR codes.**
- **Proofreading by committee - Scott and Peter will draft up their articles and send them to committee members, along with a "need by date" to proofread and get it back to them. Thereafter, they will submit their "final" write-ups to Sethu submit to Jen Fielding.**
- Important that Jen only receives the final articles from one person

#### **Liaison Reports**

Park and Rec -Segments A,B, C are well on their way. Millcreek was talked about.

**ADJOURNMENT** - 9:02 PM

**NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2021 - 7:30**