

Jan. 19, 2014

## Minutes - Bike and Hike Trail Committee

1/15/2014

7:30 PM

Warrington Township Building  
852 Easton Road  
Warrington, PA 18976

**Attendees:** Sharon Kaszan, Gerry Sapers, Barbara Burdack, Barbara Coyle, Jennifer Gilbert, Janet Bennett

**Liaison:** Roy Rieder, Director of Planning, Warrington Township

Other Township Officials Present: Timothy Tieperman (Township Manager), Shirley Yannich (Board of Supervisors)

**Public Comment:** None

### Committee Reorganization and Selection of Officers

The members of the Committee (all present) unanimously selected the following slate of officers:

Gerald Sapers, Chairperson

Sharon Kaszan, Vice-Chairperson

Secretary, Janet Bennett

We thank our former Chairperson, Paul Vollrath, for his strong leadership of this Committee, and we wish him well in his future undertakings.

### Old Business – None

### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of Nov. 20, 2013 were approved unanimously by the Committee members present at that meeting.

### New Business

#### a. Lower Nike Bridge Update

The new bridge over the Little Neshaminy Creek is now operational and linked to the Bradford Greene development by a gravel trail. If possible, the bridge will be dedicated on National Trail Day (Saturday, June 7).

#### b. Mapping of PECO Right-of-way Trail

The route of the first section of the trail from County Line Road to Street Road is now fully laid out. Mr. Rieder described the entire route which will be 2½ miles in length. A trailhead will be created at the entrance to Oak Creek at Warrington, the new development off County Line near Folly Road. He also described options for extending this trail from Easton Road to Bristol Road.

#### c. Environmental Finance Center (EFC) Meeting

A meeting at the Township Building with EFC concerning use of the open space money is scheduled for Jan. 29 at 3 PM.

#### d. Vacancy on Bike & Hike Trail Committee

A vacancy on the Committee exists due to the resignation of former Chair Paul Vollrath. Township resident Aaron Mulder, who had expressed an interest in the Committee's activities at our Nov. 20 meeting, was suggested as a candidate.

Additionally, inquiries will be made to determine whether the popular camping program created by Mr. Vollrath can be continued by our Committee or one of its past participants.

**e. Proposal by Township Manager Tim Tieperman**

Mr. Tieperman proposed creation of a charitable arm of Warrington Township, called “Warrington Cares” that would provide assistance to needy families living in Warrington. One specific activity might be a scholarship program for needy students, funded by a 25 K charity bike run in Warrington. Such an event might take place on Warrington Day and begin and end at Lower Nike Park. A registration fee for participation would provide money for the scholarship fund. Mr. Tieperman is looking into logistical problems that would have to be solved and possible linkages with other townships and biking clubs.

**f. Neshaminy Creek Trail**

On January 28, County officials will present an overview of a proposed trail route along the Neshaminy Creek from Chalfont to Rushland. Because it would intersect the 202 Parkway Trail near Warrington, this might be of interest to Warrington hikers and bikers. The meeting will be at 7 PM in the Doylestown Library on South Street.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM was seconded and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Sapers  
Secretary