

Minutes – Bike and Hike Trail Committee

Warrington Township Building
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976

April 16, 2014 – 7:30pm

Attendees: Gerry Sapers, Sharon Kaszan, Janet Bennett, Jennifer Gilbert

Observer: Aaron Mulder

Liaison: Roy Rieder, Director of Planning, Warrington Township

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- a. Welcome to Aaron Mulder - Aaron Mulder not appointed to committee yet as Board of Supervisors agenda did not allow time.
- b. Status of camping activity - Janet Bennett reported on the status of Family Camp out. It will be held in October. Most likely the weekend of October 11, 2014. She has been in contact with Paul Vollrath and received information on past camp outs and contact information for past participants. Contacted township and no need to fill out a reservation request for Twin Oaks.
- c. Discussion on the restructuring of Committee - Jennifer Gilbert will take the lead on publicity. EAC liaison still needed.
- d. Discussion on the DCNR grant - The awards are announced in December or January. For the planning grant we can do our plans before the grant comes in and hope for a matching grant. Initial design from Route 202 at Stump Road to trail at Lower Nike. Need to include trailheads and topography map. Need to get easements from Quarry. Someone from township with meet with Quarry representative. Need to keep trail on perimeter of Quarry. Construction grant from Power Line trail needs lease agreement from Peco for 25 years. Will submit without it with note that it is in the process of being obtained. Hard grant to get as funding usually goes to trails that connect to state and regional trails. Plan to go ahead with Planning of 202 to Lower Nike trail and power line trail as long as Supervisors approve. Cost of both is approximately \$500,000 without grants or \$250,000 with grants. Money would come from open space referendum money.
- e. Involvement of Committee in DCNR Grant Application - Aaron Mulder has been actively helping with grant writing. He obtained witness statements. Aaron found out that the Central Bucks Biking club has a small grant program that we should apply for to help with Route 202 connection. May be \$500-\$1000. Application due by October. If applications for subdivisions come in, our committee must send emails to encourage sidewalks that will help with our trail system.
- f. Trail Development - Warrington Springs development is to put a traffic signal at Phillips and Street Road so it will help our trail system cross Street Road. Woodlands can be connected to Equestrian Center to get to Lower Nike Trail. When the Illg tract gets built, there will be a link to Lower Nike near the pavilions. It will be gated but will allow emergency access. Another connection to Lamp Lighter Village will connect to Warrington Glen and Legacy Oaks and then maybe to Arbor Ridge. Aaron presented map along Pickertown Road. Clearly shows gaps in our trail system along this road. Need to prioritize trails and should be a future agenda item.

Warrington has 3 main problems connecting trails; Route 611, Street Road, and the Little Neshaminy.

New Business:

- a. Warrington Community Day Booth – Gerry Sapers did submit application. Janet will attend 4/22/14 meeting.
- b. Fishing Derby – Gerry contacted Boy Scouts and they may help out
- c. Involvement of Boys Scouts in WCD – Troup 172 will help out. May help with WCD set up, Fishing Derby, and Nature walk
- d. WCD Hike or Nature Walk – Jennifer volunteered to help plan. Gerry will supply Jennifer with Boy Scout Troup contact information
- e. WCD Publicity – Jennifer will handle contacting Barbara Livrone regarding the sandwich boards.
- f. Open Space and Other Reports – Sharon Kaszan found out that open space is working on getting some public parcels that are up for sale. Roy and open space members to visit 3 sites to see if they should be purchased and if they would benefit trail system. Discussion also on trail between Scarlet Oak and Red Oak. Received feedback via social media on concerns with trail.

Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2014 meeting:

- a. Motion to approve the minutes by Sharon Kaszan, second by Jennifer Gilbert, and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

Upcoming Agenda Items:

- a. Contact with Boy Scout Troup 172- Gerry has contacted and they will help out
- b. Contact with Doylestown Bike and Hike Committee – Roy and Aaron went to meeting. We got a letter of support from them for our Grant application. They want CB South to be able to access Route 202 trail. Interest in connecting to Warrington by Turk or Old New Rd.
- c. Status of new trail developments – see ‘f’ under Old Business
- d. Status of Warrington Cares Biking Event – No news
- e. New Initiatives for Committee – Members at next meeting to bring ideas
- f. Liaison with Environmental Advisory Council – Still need to assign this to a committee member

Additional Item:

- a. Herb Kahl 5K – We have been asked to help out again this year. Sharon will coordinate.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm by Sharon Kaszan, second by Janet Bennett, and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

Respectfully Submitted
Janet Bennett
Secretary