

# Minutes – Bike and Hike Trail Committee

Warrington Township Building  
852 Easton Road  
Warrington, PA 18976

September 17, 2014 – 7:30pm

**Attendees:** Gerry Sapers, Janet Bennett, Barbara Burdack, Barbara Coyle, Sharon Kaszan and Aaron Mudder.

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

**Public Comment:** None

## Old Business:

### A. WCD Events:

- I. Fishing Derby – Gerry Sapers reported that the creek was in good shape. Many fish have been caught in past years. Need to check for graffiti and damage to fence prior to event. Sharon Kaszan will order 50 containers of worms and get 3 fishing outfits donated by Clayton's. Order has been made for hats for derby contestants. Will order 35 kid sizes and 15 adult sizes in blue with red lettering that says Warrington Township Bike and Hike. Will get 12 movie tickets for prizes. Boy Scout Troop 137 will arrive at 9am to help. Committee members to arrive at 8:30.
- II. Family Hike – Ivy Ross and Fred from EAC will assist. Boy Scout Troop 172 will arrive at 10am to help. Barbara Burdack and Jennifer Gilbert will be available to help with hike if needed. Unknown number of registrants.
- III. Bike Decorating Contest – Donations from EMS, Happy Tymes, Chuck E Cheese, Richmond Insurance Agency and Sports Authority have been received. 2 Bike racks will be placed near flagpole for storage of bikes.
- IV. Publicity - Jennifer Gilbert and her husband will put up signs at the Street Road entrance to Valley Square, the entrance to Lower Nike, and at Folly and Pickertown advertising our events. Committee members will help distribute flyers. Next year we should make 1 flyer with all events on it.
- V. Booth –Roy Rieder provided 50 trail maps in 11x17 for handouts. Barbara Burdack to make a 13x19 map for display at the booth. Coverage times at booth are: 12-1 Barb C., 1-2 Barb B., 2-3 Gerry, 3-4 Aaron, 4-5 Janet, and 5-6 Jennifer
- VI. Report of WCD – Barbara Coyle has ribbon for the cutting ceremonies; 10am for trail signage, 3pm bridge ceremony, and 2pm Hockey rink

### B. Trail Developments

- I. Update on new developments – Roy received the fully executed agreement from PECO. On 10/13/14, the PUC meets to approve. Carroll Engineering needs to complete the design and get permits. Then we provide to PECO for approval and trail can be started. May start next year. May hear about the DCNR grant in about 12 weeks. This is for the 202 Trail to Lower Nike. We cannot put any trail through Garges Farm. On Tuesday, 9/23/14, The Environmental Finance Center is reporting to the supervisors. A recommendation will be made to hire an open space

consultant such as National Lands Trust or Heritage Conservancy. They would help with grant writing and getting property owner easements of 20-25 feet.

- II. Priorities – Aaron Mulder to head our committee on coming up for priorities for trail developments.
- III. Bridge and Trail Dedications – These will take place during Warrington Community Day

**C. Family Campout** – Janet has met with past volunteers and got an idea of how the campout is run. Everything is on track. Story Teller is booked. Working with Jeanine Winslow to get firewood.

**D. Herb Kahl Run** – Still no word from Tim Tieperman regarding our committee's future involvement. Aaron mentioned that there are companies that manage races.

### **New Business:**

- a. Budget for Bike and Hike Committee – We have a \$500 per year budget. Need to properly manage.
- b. Contact with Boy Scout Troop 137 – They will be helping at 9:00 am with Fishing Derby and Troop 172 will help with hike at 10am.
- c. Consideration of Rout 611 Study – Township had to fill out a goal worksheet. Main goals to have a pedestrian and bike pathway separated from road with a buffer zone.
- d. Involvement with Warrington Cares Biking Event – It will be held on May 2, 2015. Gerry did prepare 5-6 routes and gave them to Tim to review. Found that a 10 mile route would not be feasible. Did a 25, 40+ and 60+ mile routes. Also provided some scenic areas such as Buckingham Mountain, Peace Valley Park, Nockamixon, and High Rocks.

### **Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2014 meeting:**

- a. Motion to approve the minutes by Barbara Coyle, second by Barbara Burdack and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

### **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- a. Contact with Boy Scout Troop 137 and 172
- b. Liaison with Environmental Advisory Council
- c. Family Hike on National Trail Day (June 6, 2015) -
- d. Publicity Chair and Photo Archives

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm by Sharon Kaszan, second by Aaron Mulder and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

Next meeting: October 15, 2014 7:30pm Warrington Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Bennett  
Secretary