

# Minutes – Bike and Hike Trail Committee

Warrington Township Building  
852 Easton Road  
Warrington, PA 18976

April 15, 2015– 7:30pm

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

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

**Guests:** Shirley Yannich, Member of Warrington Township Board of Supervisors

**Public Comment:** None

## Reorganization:

- a) Responses to Vacancy Announcements in the *Link* – There were 3 response to our “Want Ad”. One application was submitted. Per Shirley’s advice, Gerry needs to push supervisors for the interview process to begin
- b) Temporary assignment of responsibilities – Barbara is doing well with the advertising and designing flyers and the rest of committee handling responsibilities well.
- c) Listing of Bike and Hike related events – Trying to get a hold of Paul Vollrath so we can obtain access to our Facebook page.

## Old Business

- a) National Trail Day Family - Gerry did contact Doylestown Bike and Hike Committee to advertise our June 6<sup>th</sup> hike. We need to check our trails to see if we can hike on more natural areas. Committee will meet on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am at the bird blind at John Paul Park at Lower Nike.
- b) Spring Camp Out – Janet has contacted Ingrid Bohn, of the Patchwork story telling guild. She is willing to do a story telling during the campout for \$150 as opposed to the past story teller who charged \$225. Committee agreed to try someone new. Janet will contact and set up. Will email past campers along with other contacts to advertise event. Janet will make sure wood is ordered and everything is coordinated for the day. Event Noon 6/6 to Noon 6/7/15.
- c) Trail Developments. – Ryan Walker of Natural Lands Trust sending the Grant to the DCNR for the Pickertown Road trail feasibility study. May take 6-7 months for response and may get \$30,000 to \$35,000.
- d) Collaboration with Environment Advisory Council – No member attended EAC meeting
- e) Publicity and Flyer Design – Barbara designed a flyer advertising our June 6<sup>th</sup> Hike and Campout. 50 copies of flyer along the registration forms of the events will be handed out at the Earth Day Event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sharon helping set up at event.
- f) Pickertown Trail Feasibility Grant Application – See “C” above

## New Business:

- a) Natural Surface and Gravel Trails – We will check out condition of our trails on May 2nd
- b) WCD Activities – We would like to develop a unique booth. We can have as much space as we need as we will be on the end of the row of tents. We will have the Porta Potty for the fishing derby it will then be moved after derby.
- c) Open Space Task Force meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup> - The committee developed a questionnaire consisting of 10 questions. This was a free service. If more questions needed, they would have to pay for the

service to evaluate questions. We will be asked to send questionnaire to friends we know in Warrington. Open space will attend Earth Day to discuss trails with residents. Looking into a "Kids in the Wild" concept for Twin Oaks day camp. They will try for a growing greener grant. Looking at an easement on East side of Lower State Road for trail to go to Street Road to Somerset Walk to get to the Upper Nike/IPW trail. Hyne's property is still being considered.

- d) Input to Comprehensive Plan – Gerry wants to present improvement to roads and bike lanes, public transportation upgrades, and more services for seniors. Also concerned about a surplus of senior housing in the future. Shirley brought up that she researched this and found active adult communities are not sustainable. Baby boomers are going to be working into their 70's. Senior housing can be changed into offices 20+ years from now. Warrington may go to non-aged qualified housing.

#### **Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2015 meeting:**

- a) Motion to approve the minutes by Sharon Kaszan, second by Gerry Sapers and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee by the members present at meeting.

#### **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- a) Bike and Hike Committee Blog – Aaron looking into our Facebook account
- b) Involvement with *Warrington Cares* – Gerry attended the fundraiser at Poco's and feels that a more professional fundraising activity should be considered.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- a) Our committee will help with the Herb Kahl run. We do not have the resources to run the entire event.
- b) There will be a small park in the development where the new Loop Road is going. Noise to surrounding houses has increased since many trees were removed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm by Barbara Coyle, second by Aaron Mulder, and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

Next meeting: May 20, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Warrington Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Bennett, Secretary