

# Minutes – Bike and Hike Trail Committee

Warrington Township Building  
852 Easton Road  
Warrington, PA 18976

February 18, 2015– 7:30pm

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

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

## Public Comment:

Ruth Schemm, from the Parks and Recreation Committee, presented ideas to increase support for Warrington Township trails. Wants to try and send a clear message to residents of the positive impact of trails. Discussed ways to be more assertive to neutralize opposition. Presented a questionnaire to disseminate throughout Warrington. Can post on the township Website, use social media, or put something in the “Link”. We need to bring the community into the dialog. All Warrington committees need to reach deeper into the community.

## Election Results and Reorganization:

- a) Recruitment of new Bike and Hike Committee Members – Advertisement for new members will appear in the Spring “Link”. In addition, committee members can try to solicit new members.
- b) Temporary assignment of responsibilities – Aaron will try and work on a route for the family hike. Try to use more of the natural trails along Bradford Dam and maybe around the Equestrian Center. Need to check for fallen trees and obstacles. Also, since not on paved surfaces, there may be a tick concern. Also explore the PECO truck trails. The hike will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> and Aaron will explore trails in April and May. Barbara will try and organize publicity for events. If members have any flyers or posters, they are to forward information to Barbara. Janet will head up the family campout. Sharon will continue to help with the fishing derby. Gerry will head up the fishing derby and represent committee during Warrington Community Day planning meetings.

## Old Business

- a) National Trail Day Family Hike – Need to put announcement in the Spring “Link”. Should have a registration form. Need a consolidated email list from the fishing derby and campout to email potential hikers about the activity.
- b) Spring Camp Out – Janet will organize.
- c) Trail Developments – Can use Google Earth. Satellite can show where existing trails are.
- d) Award Money Bike Related – The \$1000 grant awarded is going to the Route 202 to Bradford Dam feasibility study. When trail completed there needs to be a sign recognizing and thanking all who contributed to trail.

## New Business:

- a) Natural Surface and Gravel Trails – To be discussed when weather is improved.
- b) Publicity and Flyer Design – Give any current information we have to Barbara.
- c) WCD activities – Discussed whether an additional event needs to be added to WCD besides the fishing derby. Committee felt we currently are doing enough. At our booth we need to improve our visibility with a sample trail with 3 rail fence and vegetation. Can also have pictures on a video

or digital photo frame. A GoPro camera would help with visualization of trail. Can video the Horsham Power Line trail or use a Doylestown trail as a sample.

**Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2015 meeting:**

- a) Motion to approve the minutes by Aaron Mulder, second by Sharon Kaszan and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee by the members present at January 21, 2015 meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

- a) Port-a-potty for the fishing derby may not be necessary if we can get a Scout to help walk children to the bathroom facilities
- b) Pickertown Trail – The DCNR study would go from Lower State Road to the Barness Fields down Pickertown Rd. It would go through 52 properties on the South side of Pickertown Rd. There exist some 4-foot sidewalks already. The trail would be an 8- foot wide shared use path on the south side. Need to add a 4-foot bike trail on both North and South sides. The total distance from Lower State to Fawn is 1.95 miles or all the way to Barness Park is 2.1 miles. Roy calculated the total cost of \$856,900 (\$421,500 from Lower State to Arbor Ridge + \$435,400 from Arbor Ridge to Fawn). Need to start with the \$144,000 feasibility study then the next step would be a design study.
- c) Bradford Dam Trail to Route 202 looking at construction to begin the earliest in 2017
- d) \$10,000 PECO grant should go toward the PECO trail for signage or paint something on the trail such as the international hiking symbol.

**Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- a) Bike and Hike Committee Blog
- b) Involvement with *Warrington Cares* biking event

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm by Sharon Kaszan, second by Barbara Coyle, and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

Next meeting: March 18, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Warrington Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Bennett, Secretary