

Minutes – Bike and Hike Trail Committee

Warrington Township Building
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976

May 18, 2016– 7:30pm

Committee Attendees: Gerry Sapers, Janet Bennett, Ira Meyers, and Aaron Mulder.

Liaison: Roy Rieder, Director of Planning and Special Projects and Zoning Officer, Warrington Township

Board of Supervisor Liaison: Fred Gaines

Guests: Shirley Yannich – Chairperson of Board of Supervisors, Fred Suffian, EAC member

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- a) Interview of Applicants for Vacancies on Bike and Hike Committee –
 - Kay Fairs introduced herself. She is from England but been in the US for 40 years. She moved into Warrington in June, 2015. Enjoys walking and hiking especially in the Bradford Dam area. Since she is new to the community she could provide a new perspective to our activities. Knowledgeable with Grant writing and working with major donors.
 - Joe Each – Interested in developing natural trail areas. Likes the Nockamixon trails where he can see a lot of wildlife. He walked the Route 202 to Bradford Dam trail with Aaron. Good with designing publications and currently sends a weekly newsletter to his 4500 clients.
- b) New Trail Developments
 - Roy Rieder received an email from Steve Harris, the attorney for the Quarry that addressed concerns that we were not following the Quarry’s alignment of the trail. Roy assured him that we were.
 - Housing developer will connect the PECO powerline trail to Street Road and Phillips Ave. There was a meeting with the one landowner whose property the connector needs to cross. Landowner wants trail further away from the ultimate right of way. Can offer the appraised value for the right of way which would be about 1/3acre.
 - A 12 foot wide trail from Route 202 to Bradford Dam doubles the cost and impact to the environment. Aaron Mulder will research if the is a requirement to be considered a part of “The Circuit” trail system.
 - Fred Suffian – EAC worked with the University of MD on a concept plan for a Mill Creek Nature Preserve. Once the basic Route 202 to Bradford Dam trail is established, need to work on Preserve. Garges currently farms the land for a fee and has a lease for a few more years. We reviewed the Preserve concept and were in agreement that it needs to be a part of the planning for the Route 202 to Bradford Dam trail.
- c) Report on Spring Campout – 7 families registered but only 5 attended with a total of 11 campers. Net cost to our budget was \$85 - \$225 for story teller less the \$140 in registration fees received. Joe Each suggested we look more closely at the timing of the campout to get better attendance in the future.
- d) Review of Report for Trails Study Committee – EAC doing a tree study using the “ITree” program. This study will help with identifying what trees are needed and in what locations. Incorporating natural trails and the maintenance of the trails were discussed.
- e) Input for Trail Study Committee Report – Pickertown Road Segment – Aaron wants to investigate the best way to get easements. Roy believes there are about 30 properties to cross.

New Business:

- a) Agenda for June 15th Trails Study Committee Meeting - Gerry Sapers will be working on Agenda
- b) Recommendations to BOS regarding candidates for Committee vacancies – We voted on appointing Kay Fairs and Joe Each to our committee. Gerry proposed the motion, Aaron seconded the motion and we approved the motion by unanimous vote.
- c) Report of 2016 Central Buck Bike and Hike Meeting of May 12, 2016 – We reviewed the email of the highlights of the meeting the Aaron attended. Money can be obtained if our trails were a part of “The Circuit” trail system. PennDot going to try and improve areas such as pedestrian and bike lanes.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

- Fred Suffian discussed the possibility of birdhouses going along the Route 202 trail and detention basins. Hopeful to be completed this summer
- June 8th, 7pm, there is a public meeting sponsored by the Parks and Recreation and Open Space committee for public input toward a comprehensive plan for the township.

Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes by Aaron Mulder, second by Ira Meyers and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee by the members present at meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm by Aaron Mulder, second by Janet Bennett, and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee

Next meeting:

June 15 2016 at 7:30pm in the Warrington Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Bennett, Secretary