

Minutes - Bike and Hike Trail Committee

1/21/2009

7:30 PM

**Warrington Township Building
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976**

Attendees: Elmer O'Brien, Sharon Kaszan, Paul Vollrath, Gerry Sapers, Barbara Burdack, Barbara Coyle

Liaisons: Carolyn Hanel (Director of Administrative Services/Parks and Recreation)
Carol Butterworth (Board of Supervisors)

Visitors: Gay Currie (Warrington Twp. Communications Officer)
Maureen Griet (CKS Engineers)

Reorganization

The following Bike & Hike Trail Committee members were elected to the offices indicated below by unanimous vote of the Committee:

Chairman: Paul Vollrath
Vice Chair: Sharon Kaszan
Secretary: Dr. Gerald Sapers

Public Comment

Ms Hanel introduced the two visitors who then made presentations to the Committee, as summarized below.

Update on Website and TV Channel – Gay Currie

A new website will be ready by early February. Ms. Currie is upgrading the Township's TV channel and expects this work to be completed in March. The channel will have the capability of accompanying programming with music.

The newsletter will undergo further modification, providing a more uniform format for the calendar and advertising. A mock-up was presented to the business community. Wegman's has signed up for an ad.

Ms. Currie described a program at CB South under which students will shadow Township officials and perform community services.

Mr. Vollrath asked whether the website would provide links to pages containing input from the individual Township advisory committees. Dr. Sapers suggested that the website include a map of Warrington sufficiently detailed to show street names for all streets in the Township.

Update on Trails Projects – Maureen Griet

Ms. Griet referred to a Township map showing existing and planned trails. Plans for extension of the existing paved trail from its current terminus near the Villas of Lamplighter development are under review under the Bucks County Open Space Program. The segment leading to the Bradford Dam is an 8 ft wide paved trail. Continuation of this trail from Bradford Dam to Kansas

Road will be a 4 ft. wide natural trail. Permits for these trail extensions are expected in a few months. However, the current tight budget may not allow an immediate start. The work may have to be performed in two stages.

A proposed connection between this trail and the Villas of Lamplighter development was not approved by residents because of the steepness of the trail route. This issue is under discussion. Another proposed trail connection to the Bluestone development is also up in the air.

Ms. Butterworth suggested developing a board game based on following the trail to various destinations such as the dam, a fishing location, the Equestrian Center, etc.

2009 Goals and Objectives

Ms. Hanel suggested developing some event to take place during celebration of the 275th anniversary of Warrington's founding to be held in May.

Ms. Coyle asked about the status of a proposed dog park in Warrington. A good location under consideration is the area near the Special Equestrians Center. This could be accessed from Lower Nike Park or the Special Equestrians parking lot.

Mr. O'Brien asked about the status of the pond at Twin Oaks Day Camp. There are fewer geese now. Installation of aerators should improve the water quality. Fishing in the pond is permitted on a catch and release basis. A dock has been built as an Eagle Scout project.

Ms. Burdack asked about the proposed walkway from Palomino Farms to the Valley Square Shopping Center. The obstacle to construction of such a trail is a berm built behind the Meridian of Valley Square condominiums.

Mr. Vollrath is planning an outdoor camping activity as a joint event with Boy Scouts from St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He also suggested that Committee members invite neighbors or friends to attend one of our meetings so they could contribute ideas to the Committee.

Dr. Sapers suggested sponsoring a walk by residents of the numerous 55+ communities in Warrington on the paved trail along the creek, accessed from Lower Nike Park. This would require contacting each 55+ community to arrange for distribution of flyers. Such an event might lead to formation of a walking group using routes in different sections of the Township.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.

A motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Sapers
Secretary