

**Minutes of the Bike and hike Committee**  
**852 Easton Road**  
**Warrington, PA 18976**  
**Meeting Held November 15, 2017**

**Committee members Present:** Gerry Sapers Chairman, Aaron Mulder Vice Chairman, Bernadette Marron, Scott Vogin

**Township officials present:** Fred Gaines Township supervisor, Roy Rieder Township Engineer

Gerry Sapers Called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

**Pledge of allegiance was made**

**Public comment**

There was no public comment.

**Old business**

**New trails**

Gerry was in contact with the water and sewer department about a scenic natural trail, following the route of the Warrington Glen Connector, that is accessed from the Bradford Dam Trail in Lower Nike Park. The grass on this trail is too high for hiking and might require mowing prior to a hike. The Water & Sewer Department is concerned about anyone hiking back there since people would be walking over sewage lines. Fred Gaines will speak to Christian Jones about it.

Natural trail development: **Aaron is making proposal for Supervisors for a trail, but had some issues that the residents were concerned about.** (Clarify. There are no residents near this trail.)

**Family camp out**

Aaron wanted to create a date for the next link for a camp out and suggested late April or early May. Before picking a date at the next meeting. Scott will look up religious holidays so we can keep those dates in mind when we choose the date. It was decided that we can use a mailing list to advertise the date. As for the location, Twin Oaks is a possibility but that will depend on awarding of grants for development. Hopefully a decision will be made soon if they are being awarded. Roy unsure when that would happen. Lower Nike Park is a possibility if Twin Oaks is not usable.

**Status of Folly Road trail**

Aaron said he had no further information on the crossing light at Folly Road

## **New business**

### **Warrington hiking club**

New hikes at nearby parks: Gerry suggested using trails at Kohler Park in Horsham, near Horsham Dog Park, which has access to the Horsham Power Line Trail.

There was also talk about using the trail in Kemper Park in Warminster, which might include a walk on trails in the Old Mill Farm Nursery in Warrington. December 2 would be a possible date for a hike.

### **Warrington Community Day wrap up**

At a meeting held on October 12, we looked at issues concerning the family hike including a possible communication problem and difficulty with parking. We could start the hike at 9 am but people would have to know about the change. It would help to have directions signs for the hike.

### **EAC meeting**

On Nov 1, they had a joint meeting. Gerry was present, and reported that the speaker, John Rodgers, pointed out the financial benefits of conservation and means of quantifying benefits. He spoke about landscaping and buffer zones to enhance the value to the environment. One of the benefits is that housing values go up with close proximity to parks; also, trees reduce the risk of asthma.

### **Facebook**

Tabled as Ira was not present

### **Inquiry from Dipish Pandya**

Could his organization use trails for a fundraiser or a charity event? He wants to know more about the features at lower Nike Park.

Roy said he needs to get permits and apply for use from Park and Recreation. Scott suggested he appear before the Bike and Hike and Park and Recreation Committees. We are looking at late spring for the event.

### **Warrington community day**

The names of contacts interested in involvement with the Bike and Hike Committee were obtained at our booth.

Gerry wrote thank you letters to Walmart and Claytons for their contribution of prizes and bait for the fishing derby. These letters were signed by Barry Luber, Township Manager.

Next year's Warrington Community day is Saturday, September 22

Scott will contact Bass Pro Shop and Cabela's about gift cards for the fishing derby in 2018.

### **Warrington Cares fundraiser**

Roy and Fred went. Both reported it was a successful event.

### **Candidates for 2018 reorganization**

Gerry again stated that he does not wish to continue as chairman. However, he will remain as a member of the committee.

### **Other business**

Scott reported that the Tour de Cure Bike Event meeting was postponed.

Aaron asked about open space at the corner of Lower State and Pickertown Roads at the northwest corner of the Township. Roy reported that the township was negotiating over acquisition of 66 acres of open space. Roy also stated that several committees would be involved if land is obtained.

Approval of Minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Bernadette made a motion to adjourn; Aaron seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Scott Vogin