

Minutes of the Bike and Hike Committee
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976
Meeting Held February 21, 2018

Committee Members Present: Aaron Mulder, Chairman; Sharon Kaszan, Vice- Chair; Gerald Sapers, Secretary; Scott Vogin, Ira Meyers, Bernadette Marron (On Jan. 2, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a one-year term continuation for Gerald Sapers and Ira Meyers for terms expiring on Dec. 31, 2018.

Township Officials Present: Fred Gaines, Township Supervisor; Roy Rieder, Director of Planning, Special Projects; Eileen Albillar, Township Supervisor and Liaison to Board of Supervisors

Aaron Mulder called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Public Comment: None

Old Business

New Trail Developments

Roy Rieder indicated that Metropolitan Construction will soon complete work on the Vesci property frontage along Street Road where the connector trail to the PECO Powerline Trail will be located. This will precede construction of any homes in this new development. However, the completion date for this work is not yet known.

Gerry Sapers was advised by Fred Gaines that the Warrington Glen Connector right-of-way will be available for use as a natural trail, possibly as soon as the National Trails Day hike scheduled for June 2. However, the grass along this trail may be too high to permit hiking and require mowing prior to the hike.

The natural trail in the woods off the PECO Powerline Trail, started by Aaron Mulder, is on hold due to the withdrawal of the prospective Eagle Scout candidate who was going to work on this project. Ira Meyers offered to contact the family of another potential Eagle Scout candidate who might be interested in this project.

Fred Gaines alerted us to the possibility that major trails in Warrington might have to be widened to conform to a 10-foot standard. A memo should be sent to the Board of Supervisors alerting them to this possibility since it would increase the cost of trail construction.

Other trail possibilities

A trail along the Little Neshaminy Creek may be proposed by an interested developer.

A motion was made and passed unanimously by the committee recommending that the proposed trail along the County Line Road frontage of a new self-storage warehouse (Formerly the Happy

Tymes location) should be constructed of bituminous and 10 ft. wide. However, this may be the trail to nowhere. Sharon agreed to draft a memo stating this recommendation to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Family Campout

Plans for the family campout location, scheduled for June 2-3, were discussed. Demolition of structures at the township's former Twin Oaks Day Camp may preclude using this location for the campout. The National Trails Day hike will be an optional activity of the campout. Preliminary information about this event has been submitted for the spring issue of The Link to publicize this event. Contact Aaron Mulder for details.

Warrington Community Day

Information was provided to Scott Vogin regarding sources of volunteers to assist the Committee in running the Fishing Derby and in obtaining prizes for the most successful anglers. Scott suggested creating a new prize category for the largest smallmouth bass caught to provide more prize opportunities for catching sunfish. Any efforts to secure donations of prizes for the fishing derby will be cleared with the WCD committee to avoid any annoying solicitations. He also is considering providing fly casting demonstrations if it can be done safely in the space provided. At the Jan.30 Warrington Community Day Meeting, the possibility of starting both the fishing derby and the family hike at 9 AM, from the same general location, indicated by signage near the Bradford Dam Trail trailhead. Perhaps that will simplify the parking situation and attract more hikers.

New activities (fly tying?) might be promoted at the booth to attract more visitors.

National Trails Day Hike

The trail route might use the natural trail over the Warrington Glen Connector right-of-way or use natural trail segments at woods near the end of the Bradford Dam trail. The hike will take place on June 2 at 10 AM and will be led by Gerry Sapers. This event is publicized in the spring issue of The Link.

New Business

Warrington Hiking Club

A spring hike on trails in Kemper Park (Warminster) and in the woodland near the Old Mill arm Nursery are being considered. We have not yet obtained an OK from the owner of that property. Use of the Township Facebook Page: Jackie is Contact. Postings should be made on the community page and on the Bike & Hike Committee page.

Warrington Cares Sprint Triathlon is scheduled for Sept. 9, 2018. Ira Meyers provided the following contact to sign up (www.DQevents.com).

Open Space Plan: Scott Vogin commented favorably on the plan, noting that it is very detailed. He suggests that more attention might be given to bike riding and fishing. He also suggests that a subcommittee be formed by representatives of the stakeholder boards and committees to work on issues in depth.

Annual Report for 2017: Scheduled for March 13 at 7 PM. Who does it?

Approval of Minutes

Copies of Minutes for all Bike & Hike Minutes held in 2017 were submitted to Roy Rieder, as requested. Some Minutes required extensive correction and revision to improve clarity. The Committee has now approved all of the minutes for 2017. The Committee also voted to approve the Minutes for the January meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Sapers, Secretary