



## MINUTES

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BIKE AND HIKE COMMITTEE

**October 18, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Sethu Manickavel, Scott Vogin, Lynette Schiavoni, Erynn Jacobsen, Peter Norman, Andy Oles, Ruth Schemm, Bill Connelly, Mark Schmidt

#### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 2023 - APPROVED

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mark Schmidt** - commented on the intersection of Pickertown and Lower State the crosswalk has a blind spot while riding bike. Trees block the view of vehicles making the turn at the same time a bike is attempting to cross. Mark's suggestions:

1. Removal of trees or
2. Work to make an "All Walk" light or
3. Install a "No Turn on Red" sign

**Andrew** -Emerson Farms - trees have been planted incorrectly and are now dying. Looking for a correction to this problem.

#### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. **Roger's Eagle project** - The Bike Hike Committee recognized Roger with a Certificate of Achievement for his and the scouts efforts on completion of a project at the Bradford Dam area clearing a trail that had been damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The township will now be able to maintain this area going forward. This project also will be a model for our committee will do in the future.
2. **Millcreek parcel – Bill Connelly - Ad hoc committee report** - The Ad Hoc Committee was created by the BOS designed to recommend a path forward and adopt a plan for development consideration. He provided this report and a new Map 22A of Mill Creek Preserve with recommendations into the plan. The report items include Additions, Process Recommendations and Rules to the Open Space Master Plan.

The Bike Hike Committee will review the recommendations and each member to be prepared to submit their comments, suggestions concerning the report at the next meeting on Nov. 15th.

3. **Committee member prospect interview - Mark Schmidt** - Mark presented his volunteer application and resume' and his interest in joining the Bike Hike Committee. He is an avid cyclist and looks to provide solutions to some issues he has noticed while riding through the Warrington area. He also wishes to be an advocate for the construction of new trails connecting

Warrington and adjacent twps. He is working towards being accepted to an urban planning masters program.

The BH committee collaborated and Scott motioned to recommend Mark to join the Bike Hike committee. Motion was seconded and will move to present at the next Supervisor's meeting for approval. **Andy to submit the recommendation to the BOS.**

4. **2023 Events update** - Warrington Day was officially canceled this year due to the tropical storm weather over the event weekend.

Girl Scouts had stuffed all of the bags for Warrington Day. Scott recommended that they and the Scout leader be invited to our next meeting so that they can be recognized for their efforts. **Scott to reach out and invite.**

#### 5. **Liaison reports**

Andy - Veteran's Affairs met. The Veterans Day Ceremony will now take place on Nov. 11th at the Volunteer luncheon at Giseippis. Both events will be combined. An invitation was sent out by Laura Koshy on Oct. 18th. **Committee members, Please respond with your RSVP as they need a headcount for the luncheon.**

Scott - EAC & Open Space gave a lecture about birding.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Andy** - Our trail map has officially been added to the Circuit Trail Network

**Andy**

- Warrington Lea, Statesman neighborhood located at Rt. 152 and 202 Bypass. There is an easement owned by Penn Dot. The neighborhood has been requesting a connection to the trail. Andy and Penn Dot will be meeting on 10/19/23 to get this project approved.
- Blue Stone & Red Stone area of 83 acres. Andy meeting with Penn Dot to discuss having a natural trail cut to join into the Bradford Dam trail.
- Wetlands mitigation project at Lions Pride Park is in the works. It has been diverted and drained with a spillway installed.

**Peter** - asked for follow-up on the data sent for the GPS App - **Andy to follow-up**

**Scott** - consider the date of Dec. 20th meeting due to Christmas week

### **ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2023; 7:00pm**

**2023 Theme: INFORM!**

**Bike Hike Trails Mission Statement:**

**"To provide recommendations to improve the hiking biking and fishing facilities of Warrington Township. The committee also works on educating the residents about the availability and proper use of these facilities".**