

MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BIKE AND HIKE COMMITTEE

November 15, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Sethu Manickavel, Scott Vogin, Lynette Schiavoni, Erynn Jacobsen, Peter Norman,

Andy Oles, Mark Schmidt, Ruth Schemm

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2023 - APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Nicole Lei - from Warrington Glen, across from Legacy Oaks = presented a new initiative called WarringtonSTEP Street Road Area Trail Expansion Project.

- Nicole explained that their community appreciates the trails. However there is no sidewalk at Kings Court to allow crossing Street Road as access to get to Lion's Pride Park. They have proposed looking into the Legacy Oaks Board to discuss the possibility of allowing a trail sidewalk to go in along Legacy Oaks and have a crosswalk placed from Legacy Oaks to Lamplighter Village. This would give the residents outside of these communities to have a safe walking and crossing access to our trails leading to Lion's Pride and surrounding areas.
- What can we do to sell the positive points of our trails, showing the benefits to making Lion's Pride more accessible?
- Warrington STEP initiative is posted on the Warrington Facebook and Chalfont.
- With the enthusiasm of Nicole Lei and her interest in the trails, she was invited to send an application to join the committee.

New Committee Member: Mark Schmidt was approved on Oct. 24, 2023 to join the Bike Hike Trails Committee. Welcome Mark! **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- **1. Acknowledgement to Girl Scout Troop 21630** The troop, along with their leader were presented a certificate of acknowledgement for the work they did stuffing 200 drawstring bags with material. The bags were to be distributed at the Bike Hike Booth on Warrington Day. Since the event had to be cancelled due to the weather this year1, we will have the bags ready-to-go for Warrington Day 2024.
- **2. RJ's Eagle Project Update:** RJ has started the trail marker project and presented questions to the committee.
 - **A.** Placement of the arrows that will be carved into the trail markers.
 - **B.** Committee affirmed that (2 decimals) should be used for the mile coordinates to mark the trail markers
 - **c.** Extra marker on Street Road to Morning Walk with a single arrow inside the corner

- **D.** Andy and his public works team will need the exact location where the markers will go so that they can spray and mark for installation
- **E.** Mark suggested to add trail markers to the trail map on Google.
- F. RJ to start the weekend of Nov. 25 beginning of Dec. 2023
- **G.** Andy needs photos & maps from RJ
- **H. Ruth** suggested getting wired flags & spray as well to be sure it's visible, using brown spray paint.
- 1. This project will be a "life safety" project useful for EMS.
- J. RJ started a "Go FundMe page on Facebook. The cost of the project is approx. \$900
- 3. Millcreek Parcel Updates Discussion: Committee agreed on the following:
 - Parking 6-10 spaces
 - Picnic area should stay near the parking area take in-take out your own trash
 - Eliminate the boardwalks
 - Mowed trails
 - Delineate separation to prevent encrourachments with a split rail end cap
 - No 100 ft buffer
 - 50 ft. Buffer with natural wildflowers
 - Educational area is essential
 - Keep wetlands access
 - No automated gate needed. Too much of an expense for this particular area
 - No widened road needed
 - Keep bike racks
 - Dogs on leash allowed

4. Liaison reports

- 1. Scott EAC and Open Space are on the same page
- Andy Penn Dot connecting Warrington Lea and the Highway occupancy connection is being looked at Spring 2024. Statesman & Billingsly developments and Redstone have some complications.

OTHER BUSINESS

E-LINK - Erynn suggested a write-up on "What are we thankful for"? Our trails and community

Dec. 7th - HAPPY HANUKKAH!

ADJOURNMENT - 8:53 pm

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 20th

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".	