

MINUTES
WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BIKE AND HIKE TRAILS COMMITTEE
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976

November 16, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

Committee Attendees: Gerry Sapers, Aaron Mulder, Sharon Kaszan, Kay Fairs

Liaison Attendees: Roy Rieder, Director of Planning and Special Projects and Zoning Officer, Warrington Township; Fred Gaines, Member of Warrington Township Board of Supervisors

Guest: Carol Baker, Vice Chair, Warrington Township Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Trail Development:

- New trail development:

- i. Rte. 202 to Bradford Dam:

- Roy reported that he and Chris Peterson from Carroll Engineering met with the attorney from James D. Morrissey, Inc., owner of Eureka Quarry, to discuss the trail alignment across their property for the Rte. 202 to Bradford Dam Trail.
 - As a result of the conversation, the trail has been realigned in places along the edge of the Morrissey property. Roy provided the committee with revised engineering drawings.
 - The attorney expressed concern about the liability to Morrissey of having a public trail running along the edge of their property. They did not want to grant an easement, and suggested instead that the land for the trail itself and from the trail to the property line be granted fee simple to Warrington Township.

- ii. The appraisal for the acquisition of the parcel on the corner of Pickertown and Lower State roads has come in very low.

- iii. There has been no follow up with the owner of the property on Street Road adjacent to the Power Line Trail with regard to his obtaining a second appraisal at Township cost.

- iv. There has been no movement on developing the RFP for the Pickertown Trail feasibility study.

b. Warrington Hiking Club:

- Joe was not present to provide an update.
- Gerry said that he had prepared a list of potential hikes the club could use, all of which would be suitable for mixed skills and experience.
- A hike on National Trail Day, June 4, was discussed. One possibility would be a spur from Rte. 202 along part of the Neshaminy Greenway with parking available at Bristol and Rte. 202.

c. Eagle Scout Project:

- Gerry reported that Eagle Scout candidate, Michael Dema, could not make it to the November meeting; perhaps December? We have not heard back from the Scout Master about this project.
- Aaron confirmed that he needs to provide Roy with a GPS map of the proposed natural trail.
- There should also be a letter drafted to the Board of Supervisors asking about what support we can expect from the Township for this project. It was suggested by Roy that the Township could likely provide a truck to be positioned as close to the trail as possible on a Friday evening and picked up Monday morning, leaving the weekend for clearance work. Aaron offered to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

d. Future of the Family Campout:

- Aaron suggested that we work together with the Parks and Recreation Board to coordinate this event in the future. If we could use their online registration and payment system, we should be able to encourage and boost participation.
- Sharon will talk to the Parks and Recreation Board at their next meeting, and specifically with Ruth Schemm.

e. Janet Bennet's resignation:

- Janet sent in her letter of resignation to Barbara Livrone. Barbara will post the new vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Herb Kahl 5K Walk/Run: No discussion due to absence of Ira.
- b. Earth Day- promotion of Hiking Club: No discussion due to Joe's absence.
- c. National Trail Day: See discussion under Hiking Club in Old Business.
- d. Future of Family Campout: See discussion under Old Business.
- e. Assignments of new committee members: Kay was confirmed as new Bike and Hike rep to EAC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2016 meeting was made by Sharon, seconded by Gerry, and passed unanimously by vote of the Committee members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Roy has been asked by the Board of Supervisors to draft a resolution forming a permanent Warrington Township Open Space Committee, which will comprise one member from each of the following committees plus two members-at-large: Planning Commission, Bike and Hike Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, Environmental Advisory Council, and Historical Commission
- b. EAC has changed the date of its second planting day to Sunday, November 20. Meet at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:12 P.M. by Gerry, seconded by Sharon, and passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2016 at 7: 30 P.M. in the Warrington Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Fairs, Interim Secretary