

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

December 21, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

**Committee Attendees:** Gerry Sapers, Aaron Mulder, Sharon Kaszan, Kay Fairs, Joe Each  
**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:** Brian Bailey, Township resident

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brian Bailey was welcomed by Gerry and invited to speak. Seven generations of Brian's family have lived Warrington, and Brian grew up in the Township. He now lives in Florida, but remains interested in the preservation of Warrington's farming and open space areas.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Trail Development:
- Acquisition of Mill Creek Property:
    - Gerry reported that the Township has been awarded a grant of just over \$1 million by the Pennsylvania State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the purchase of the 66-acre Mill Creek parcels of land at the NW corner of Lower State and Pickertown roads. This was the single largest grant made by DCNR in this funding cycle.
    - Roy reported that the Yellow Book appraisal for the property is \$2.63 million, which means the township must come up with the remaining \$1.5+ million. Under consideration is a possible grant application to Bucks County for additional funds.
    - The property owner has yet to agree to the appraised value.
    - Roy explained the proposed use of the tract of land: passive recreation, including trails (both natural and paved) and a wooded picnic area. Approximately one third of the site is wetlands alongside a stream channel. One half is currently active cropland.
    - The proposed connector trail from Rte. 202 to Bradford Dam already passes through this property.
  - New Trail Development: Power Line to light at Street Road and Phillips Avenue.
    - Roy reported that the Township is still talking with the property owner adjacent to the new bridge. He has requested \$3,000 up front to pay for a second appraisal.
- b. Future of the Family Campout:
- Sharon had no report because the December Parks and Recreation Board meeting had been cancelled and Sharon was unable to speak with Ruth Schemm. She will follow up in January.
- c. Resignation of Joe Each:
- Joe attended his final meeting as a member of the Committee.

- Gerry thanked Joe and acknowledged his contributions over the past months. He will be missed.
- With Joe's resignation, Aaron will take the lead on the creation of the natural trail. Eagle Scout candidate, Michael Dema, has withdrawn from the project. Ira will pursue another avenue by contacting David Kelch, who had expressed interest about a year ago. Fred informed the Committee that EAC member Ivy Ross has a contact with the high school

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. New Committee member interview: Bernadette Marron did not attend the meeting as scheduled. Gerry will follow up with her.
- b. Recruitment of new Committee members: Gerry reported that an ad will appear in the next edition of *The Link*.
- c. Reassignment of Responsibilities: No discussion.
- d. Future of Eagle Scout Project: This was discussed under Joe's resignation in Old Business.
- e. Future of Warrington Hiking Club: Joe reported on the number of members to date (15), of which 35% are aged 50+. He has sent Gerry a copy of the member list and any other promotional information. No decision was made regarding who will take on the lead role in organizing the club following Joe's resignation.
- f. Publicizing Bike and Hike activities: A newsy article will be sent to *The Link* by Gerry; Aaron will post on Facebook; Fred will mention vacancy at Board of Supervisors meeting if possible.
- g. Nomination of Committee officers for 2017: This will take place at January meeting.
- h. Appointment of representative from Bike and Hike to the newly formed, permanent Open Space Committee: Sharon volunteered to serve as the Committee's rep. Kay moved to elect Sharon as rep, Gerry seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Gerry will tell Barbara Livrone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting was made by Sharon, seconded by Aaron, and passed unanimously by vote of the Committee members.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 P.M. by Sharon, seconded by Aaron, and passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2017 at 7: 30 P.M. in the Warrington Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Fairs, Interim Secretary