

Feb. 3, 2010

Minutes - Bike and Hike Trail Committee

1/20/2010

7:30 PM

**Warrington Township Building
852 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976**

Attendees: Paul Vollrath, Sharon Kaszan, Elmer O'Brien, Gerry Sapers, Barbara Burdack, Barbara Coyle

Liaisons: Carolyn Hanel (Park & Rec)

Visitors: Nicholas and Adele Weremeychik (Environmental Advisory Council)

Public Comment:

The Weremeychiks complimented the Bike & Hike Trail Committee on the completed Bradford Dam Trail.

Reorganization:

The following officers were nominated and elected unanimously:

Chair – Paul Vollrath

Vice Chair – Sharon Kaszan

Secretary – Gerry Sapers

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes of the November 18, 2009 were approved by unanimous vote of the Committee.

Old Business:

Hiking Club Formation

The need for a waiver is still under consideration. Ms. Hanel suggested that since the club would not be a legal entity, it had no assets and could not be sued successfully. However, if the structure of the club ever became formalized with bylaws, dues, etc., this issue might be revisited.

February 5 is the deadline for an article on the Hiking Club for *The Link*. Ms. Hanel indicated that she could ask some of the Township officials and advisory committee members who reside in 55+ communities to distribute the flyer announcing formation of the club. She indicated we could hold an organizational meeting of the hiking club in the Township Building on the 3rd Tuesday or the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month. An announcement of this meeting should be sent to rmarchman@thebeneficial.com so that the Warrington Community Business Alliance will be informed.

Trail Dedication

The Committee discussed various options for dedication of the Bradford Dam Trail. Earth Day (April 24 at the Township Building) and Trails Day (June 5 at Lower Nike Park) were suggested

as possible dates for the event. It was decided that the latter event would fit the occasion better. Mr. Vollrath suggested that we recommend some trail names to the Park & Recreation Board.

December 12 Campout

The weather was too cold to permit an overnight event so the campout was limited to 3-4 hours. Mr. Vollrath reported that six boys and two scoutmasters participated. They cooked a freeze-dried meal on a camping stove and went over equipment used for campouts, but the boys were unsuccessful in lighting a fire with matches.

Bradford Greene Bridge

Stepping stones, such as those used by Wissahickon Valley, could be used as a temporary means of accessing Lower Nike Park and the trail system from Bradford Greene prior to construction of a bridge. Ms. Hanel indicated that the current cost estimate for constructing a bridge would be \$273 K. She will try to obtain more grant money for this purpose. The stepping stones could be installed by the Township Public Works Department. Mr. Vollrath informed the Committee that the stones could be obtained from the Eureka Quarry. Mr. O'Brien suggested that the stones could be paid for by various civic groups as sponsors.

New Business

Ms. Hanel informed the Committee that the two Eagle Scout candidates who worked on trail-related projects, signage for the Bradford Dam Trail and the dock at Twin Oaks Pond (used for the 2009 Fishing Derby), received their Eagle Scout certificates.

The Committee was informed that Chris at the Eastern Mountain Sports store had inquired about having a family campout at Lower Nike Park. This would have to be sponsored by Warrington Township.

A motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Sapers
Secretary