



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BIKE AND HIKE COMMITTEE

October 20, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Sethu Manickavel, Scott Vogin, Lynette Schiavoni, Peter Norman, Andy Oles, Ruth Schemm

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 2021 Motion carried and approved

Eagle Scout Recognition: Nathan Painter, Eagle Scout Troop #172 was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for his Eagle Scout project installing two new bike racks and a bike repair station at our Lion's Pride and Nike Parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Q: Alan Slopey asked about the 202 Trail to Bradford Dam connection ending on Pickertown - Millcreek - When will it be connected?

A: Andy addressed the question explaining it will all be connected, however waiting on a Grant. Could be into 2022.

Q: Zijun Xu - asked about the overgrown weeds along the sidewalk on County Line & Lower State Rd, leading to CVS.

A: private property

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

New Trail Updates - Andy Oles

- Looking at a potential trail located at Bradford Ave. Reservoir off Street Rd. Redstone Dr. to Kansas. Potential footpath into woods making it rustic and natural.
- Redstone H.O. Association was transferred to Warrington.

Gwynedd Preserve - Natural Lands walk update - Andy

- Andy gave an overview of his visit to **Gwynedd Preserve** to gain insights and ideas for Millcreek Preserve.
- Meadows maintenance and upkeep
- What methods are used for preserving natural lands habitat. Discussed stewardship methods, including burning and mowing, bird habitat and bird boxes, plant species and grant funding. This fall is the final season of farming at **Millcreek Preserve**. The fields will be barren come spring, which provides the Twp with an opportunity to establish plantings before invasive species emerge.

Trail Recommendation: Peter suggested more use of the PECO Power line areas. Beyond Greenwood at Rt. 611 to Bristol is a power line that could convert to trails beyond the golf course.

Andy will review the map to see what the possibilities would be for a trail conversion.

Warrington Day Wrap-Up

- Great success with approximately 50 - 70 people stopping by the booth.
- Trail map was enlarged to 24" x 36" and posted on the wall. Visitors were very interested in the map. Many inquiries about the trails.
- **Fishing Derby** - great success - 38 kids showed up to fish, and close to 60 fish were caught.
 - Biggest fish - Fiora Gario who won a rod and reel combo set from Cabela's
 - Smallest Fish - Ginna Susi who won a tackle box from Cabela's
 - Most fish - Constantine Bakun who won a Rod and reel combo from Cabela's
 - Most Sunfish - Chase Lester who won a Fishing Rod from Bass Pro Shops
 - Most Bass - In this category we had a tie.
 - Luke Minninger who won a Fishing Rod from Bass Pro shop
 - Harrison Medwid who won a tackle box from Cabela's
- **Feedback**
 - Trail and zoning map should go in the e-Link. We should present to the Supervisors and have it put on their agenda.
 - Bradford Green – walk path to the park - bridge needs maintenance
 - Bradford off of County Line near pump station needs better connector.
 - **Andy to look into the above.**
 - There was no feedback on the Step Challenge. No one had heard about it. We will re-access better methods of communication for next year.
- **Booth needs**
 - We need to start making decisions for anything we want printed for Warrington Day starting in June. Give-away's like water bottles & backpacks need at least 3 weeks lead time to get logo's printed.
- **Ideas for next year**
 - **Walk with a Dr.** - contact a local medical group to ask if a Dr. Would avail their time to walk for an hour with a group, answering questions about health and fitness along the way. Have a group sign-up on-line for a specified date/time.
 - **Guided Tour Walk** - Another way to get the community out walking; while at the same time promote our local trails. A community leader such as Andy Oles our Park and Recreation Director could be the tour guide, talking about the history of our parks in Warrington. Again, it would be a group sign-up on-line for specified dates/times starting in the spring of 2022. This could be a rotating event, experiencing a set of different trails each time.
 - **Biking Event** - Building on the success of the walking event, there was discussion around having a group biking tour of our trails directed at those in the community that desire to learn where the trails are located and having the support of a group to bike along with.
 - Look at other well established Bike Hike committees such as Doylestown township for ideas on what they're doing as far as community initiatives. They meet at 8:00 am the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Retrospective

- **Committee to think about this for our next meeting. Be prepared to give ideas on what went well and what can be improved for next year.**

The following is what was discussed at this month's meeting:

What went well this year

- **Trail Map**. This was our biggest initiative. The trail map was progressively improved upon, updating the trails as they became completed, showing all the connectors. It was posted on the website under our Bike Hike page and also promoted at the booth on Warrington Day. Peter Norman took the lead on improving the trail map along with Andy Oles.
- **Fishing Derby** - great success! Scott Vogin did a fantastic job organizing, promoting and handling the lion share of the derby.
- **Mission Statement** - We aligned with our mission - We formulated a mission statement, it was approved by the Board of Supervisors and placed on our website page.

What can be improved

- More individual committee participation
- Social media promoting our initiatives
- More timely with our planning on initiatives - We missed the mark on making some decisions in time for getting things completed such as;
 - Final decisions on wording for logos, printing, t-shirts etc.
 - Step challenge time line

202 Trail naming

- Discussion around possible naming the trail after Jerry Saepers, retired founder of the Bike Hike Committee for Warrington and member for over 20 years.
- What is the township procedures?
- Committee should vote on this first before submitting to the board.
- **Ruth will ask the Supervisors to get their input on the naming**
- Possible alternative could be giving Jerry a certificate of appreciation
- Table this discussion for next month's meeting

ADJOURNMENT - 9:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2021; 7:30pm

Committee Recommendation List

- Equestrian trail and Bradford Dam trail there is no signage.
- Possible Parking lot off of Pickertown where the new trail picks up
- Morning Walk - finer gravel laid down? More advantageous for bike riding.
- Trail map should be linked to the Bike Hike page on the website.
- Distance marker placed at the entrance of Lion's Pride with possible color coding for the segments that branch off looping around to IPW soccer field track
- Distance marker to be placed on IPW trail round the soccer field
- Power line trail conversion beyond Greenwood Rt. 611 to Bristol past golf course

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".