



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BIKE AND HIKE COMMITTEE

October 19, 2022

7:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Sethu Manickavel, Scott Vogin, Lynette Schiavoni, Peter Norman, Erynn Jacobsen, Andy Oles, Ruth Schemm, Lisa Anne Dietz

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Sept. 2022 - APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Volunteer of the Year - Peter Norman member of the Bike Hike Trails Committee

Peter Norman received the Volunteer of the Year award. Peter was the lead on the Bike and Hike Committee's effort to update the trail map. He worked with various committees to ensure accuracy for the map; creating spreadsheets, and other documents. Furthermore, he worked with the company making the beacons for the trails as well as utilizing a GPS navigation App to achieve coordinate results. Peter walked and rode the trails several times to ensure the accuracy.

Peter has been a valuable member with his efforts for a bike ride event and worked to get bike sponsors to help with events.

This was a well deserved award. Congratulations to Peter!

ROGER EAGLE PROJECT - Troop #542

Location intended: **Bradford Dam side trails** - enhance 2 natural trails off the paved trails.

Task: remove branches from path, mow grass. Roger will recruit volunteers from the troop to help with this project.

Questions from committee:

Will the trails be continued to be maintained by the township?

Recommendation from committee:

(4) signs or markers installed at these alternate trails, one on either end of the trails so that it could be distinguished for walkers.

Next Step: Roger to work on examples of signs and re-visit the committee with more details on his presentation. Put on the agenda for next month's committee meeting.

NEW TRAIL UPDATES - Andy Oles

Segments B&C - 202 project went to bid and was awarded. Ground work to start this coming week.

Committee comments: crossing Street Rd. Is dangerous, specifically where the flashing lights are to be installed to Morning Walk. Discussion ensued about what could be done in the interim until the township is able to install the flashing lights.

Street Rd.= a state road, therefore PennDot would need to approve anything like a speed bump, etc.

Shetland Rd. Re-align intersection project went to bid. Bids were too high, so it is on hold.

Warrington Day Notes/Comments:

- Many requests for paper copies of the trail map - **QR code needs to be added to the map.**
- Fish posters were very popular - need to provide more next year
- Questions about the Equestrian trail - Can it be more maintained? Neighbors crossing from neighborhoods across Street Rd like to use the Equestrian trail to get to Nike Park, but too often it is too overgrown to walk. Also, **signage would be helpful.**
 - **Andy to provided Map with parcels of Equestrian trail for committee**
- Trail opposite the H.S is overgrown and should be maintained.
- Solicitation in front of the booths should be banned. There were groups interfering with the traffic to get to our booth.
- Thank you to Public Works for the cleanup of the fishing area for the derby.
- We need a photo release from parents to allow publishing their Childs photo from the fishing derby. **Andy to assist with that.**
- **Warrington Day - Directional signage should be posted** at the parking lot area of Lion's Pride directing pedestrians to use the path from the parking lot down to the flashing light crossing on Folly Rd. Too many people were using the street to walk down to Warrington Day at Nike Park which is dangerous due to many shuttle buses traveling to/from.
- Fishing Derby was a huge success! 40 fish were caught by approx. 40 kids. Prizes were awarded and the kids learned more about fishing as well as having a good time.

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR - Goals for 2023

- **Trail etiquette** should be talked about more at the booth on Warrington Day. Print up the trail etiquette tips on card-stock for hand-outs.
- **Create a video** - The committee can create a video of trail etiquette with do's and don'ts while biking /walking. Make a script of what we want to feature using our members to show examples, such as; riding a bike and what to "shout out" when passing a pedestrian. Also, utilization of pressing the button at a flashing light crossing. Andy can

arrange to have a township personnel to take the video and post it on the Warrington Township website and social media platforms.

• **Bike Ride Event**

- Springtime 2023
- Warrington Recreation site for registration
- Use other social media platforms to highlight the event

• **Fitness Challenge 2023**

- Tentative dates: Aug. 18 - Sept. 15, 2023
- Register through Parks and Rec website
- Advertise on Warrington Community Group FB page
- Earn points by walking the trails, biking the trails, identify plants or flowers by name, shop at the Farmer's Market, volunteer, participate in Triathlon.

Theme for Next Year: Inform!

LIAISON REPORTS:

Parks and Rec - Lisa

- P & R interviewed a new person for their committee
- Sports group interaction and approval
- Backstop of ball park to be repaired.
- Pickle ball courts lines are added to existing tennis courts throughout the township

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Work to change the ordinance concerning ATVs and E-Bikes on the trails.
- Fishing Derby was published in the e-link
- Dec. 21st scheduled BH meeting - could be canceled due to Christmas week
- Comments on the Warrington FB page about cars not stopping at the Bradley and Folly Rd. Crossing
- Submit an article for e-link to pay attention to the flashing light
- Committee to use the winter months to create articles to educate

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 16, 2022; 7:30pm