

Trails Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 8th, 2018

Approved Minutes

Present: Lee Heller, Kevin Wynant, Sheri Zynn, Ray Schafer, Meredith Mayer (Brandywine Conservancy)

Absent: Maggie Pritchard, Scott Holt

The minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

1. 2018 Projects

a. Trail network discussion

- i. Segment behind Heatherwood: Scott contacted Kurt Schneidmiller with the Living God Lutheran Church regarding the one mile trail segment nearby. We have a tentative plan to meet on April 15 or 16 to walk the area and discuss trail utilization.
- ii. Other approaches: We discussed community outreach with the Amish community to explore their interest and consideration regarding township recreational trails, which could also benefit Amish school children walking to/from school. We agreed to gather more information on how best to approach this conversation.
 1. Meredith to speak with John Goodall about best practices based on his experience
 2. Ray to gather information on Shippensburg-Newville trail. <http://www.cvrtc.org/About.htm>
- iii. Lanchester landfill trail: Maggie and Kevin to contact the facility to explore utilization of the trail outside of the current Sunday only, perhaps establishing a different access point so to not interfere with weekday work activity.

2. Sidewalk connection on Suplee Road
 - a. Steve Landes and Mike Reinert met with Pastor Schuler and church representatives to discuss the sidewalk easement. Meeting results were positive regarding and an easement document is being drafted to be presented to the church. In addition, Mike will work with Chris Falencki (Borough engineer) for this project to define permanent and construction easement areas and a plan view.

3. Umble Park conservation garden: we discussed the current conservation garden and planning for watering requirements for warmer months this summer. In addition, we discussed plans that Beth Burnham drafted in 2017 for a second garden at Umble Park, along the chain link fence on the western border (near the volleyball court).
 - a. We noticed one of the trees planted in the current garden is missing a protective sleeve. Meredith offered to bring a replacement to the next meeting. Meredith is also looking into fertilizer requirements for the garden for the upcoming season.
 - b. Permanent sign for garden: We will begin plans for a permanent sign for the garden.

4. Other topics
 - a. Great American Cleanup Day of PA 2018: Kevin to begin signup process and present at next Parks & Rec meeting. Our goal is to double the size of the clean-up group and secure a date. We will look to advertise for volunteers in the Honey Brook Buzz section of the local paper.

5. Next meeting: Thursday April 12, 2018 in the Honey Brook township building.