

Trails Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 12th, 2018

Approved Minutes

Present: Lee Heller, Kevin Wynant, Sheri Zynn, Meredith Mayer (Brandywine Conservancy), Maggie Pritchard, Scott Holt, John McHugh

Absent: Ray Shafer

Minutes: the minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

2018 Projects

1. Trail network discussion

- a. Segment behind Heatherwood: Scott, Ray and myself met with Kurt Schneidmiller at the Living God Lutheran Church and had the opportunity to walk the trail that the church maintains in the woods next to the parking lot. This trail is not part of the old railroad parcels but in the woods adjacent to a gravel road (old rail parcel according to Chesco views). It is a very nice winding trail that has been partially graveled. It is not clear how this might tie in to a broader trails plan but worthy of group discussion at the next trails meeting.
- b. Other approaches:
 - 1) Open discussion regarding working with Amish community and how trails could provide mutual benefit, including
 - a) Trails wide enough for buggy access
 - b) Provides off road option for buggies / safety concerns
 - c) Walk ways for school children away from main roadways

We agreed it may be useful to contact other township groups (Planning commission?) to share our goals for discussion. We agreed to pursue.

2) Ray had a discussion with Garret Stahlman, president of the Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails Council. The notes from the discussion provided helpful insight into the challenges the council faced and how they addressed them, resulting in a

successful trails campaign that is ongoing in 2018.

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We agreed to revisit reviewing parcels and confirming with a couple of them who they belong to.

- c. Lanchester Landfill trail: Maggie visited the landfill trail. Among the challenges with considering this option is that the trail has controlled hours of availability and the parking for the trail access is the parking area at the landfill scales, making it difficult during working hours. In addition, the trail does not open until May and closes in October each year. We agreed to postpone further discussion.

2. Sidewalk connection on Suplee Road

Steve received word last week from the son of pastor Schuler that the church will not agree to an easement to enable a sidewalk in front of the church leading to the baseball fields. Steve noted he and the engineer are evaluating other options

3. Umble Park conservation garden:

1. We agreed to begin work for a permanent sign for the existing garden
2. We agreed to delay discussions regarding a second garden at Umble Park until summer meetings

4. Other projects: the Great American Cleanup Day of PA 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 am. We are registered and Kevin will obtain supplies with PennDOT. Some challenges with the date selected are that it is a busy local SAT test day and it is the TV prom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday May 11, 2018 in the Honey Brook Township Administration Building.