

Trails Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 10th, 2018

Approved Minutes

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

Absent: None

1. April Minutes: approved by committee. Scott Holt made the motion and Lee Heller seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.
2. Trail network discussion
 - a. Trails at Living God Church: We discussed our meeting recap following our visit with Kurt Schneidmiller at the Living God Lutheran Church, as well as Kurt's follow up email with ideas for the future improvement and usage of his trails. The proximity of the trails to old railroad parcels are of interest, as we consider areas of the township that would be suitable for community trails. The committee agreed to continue forward on reviewing railroad parcels in the area, and to revisit the Living God trails as a possible "phase 2" development of a trail network. Kevin will contact Kurt to discuss.
 - b. Validating rail parcel ownership: The committee discussed options for validating the true ownership of old rail parcels shown in ChesCo Views, as we seek to identify possible starting points for trail segments. We agreed to start with segments of rail parcel adjacent to Living God where we recently visited. Meredith offered to discuss these parcels with Judy Thomas (Brandywine Conservancy) in an effort to validate ownership.
 - c. West Brandywine Trail efforts: Ray spoke with West Brandywine township supervisor John Cassels. John shared efforts the township was making in establishing community trails in West Brandywine, including near Icedale Road and the Sunoco plant. We are planning to meet with John and committee member Steve Nash on Wednesday May 30 to discuss their efforts and share ideas.

- d. Engaging the broader community: The committee agrees to reach out to other township committees to share our trails plans and to learn more about how we might collaborate
3. Sidewalk connection on Suplee Road
No update on options for sidewalk in light of decline for easement by church.
4. Conservation Garden update
No update on conservation garden
5. Great American Cleanup Day of PA 2018: A small clean up group this year. We collected approximately 31 bags of trash, 6 automobile tires, 1 mattress and various other materials. We discussed the need / desire for better communication methods for promoting the cleanup day, including utilizing a Facebook page as a vehicle for regular updates
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday June 14, 2018 in the Honey Brook Township building.