

Trails Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 14th, 2018

## Approved Minutes

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

Absent: None

1. May 10, 2018 Minutes: approved by committee. Sheri Zynn made the motion to approve and Scott Holt seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.
2. Trail network discussion
  - a. Meeting recap with Steve Nash/John Cassels of West Brandywine township: Ray and Kevin met with Steve/John on May 30 and walked old rail parcels running from Icedale Road and Birdell Road. After discussing projects each trails committee was working on, we agreed that mutual benefits could be gained by exploring areas of collaboration. Next step will be to invite Steve to a future trails committee meeting to discuss opportunities further.
  - b. Validating rail parcel ownership: Meredith updated the committee that parcels under review near Living God may be covered under agricultural conservation easements. We discussed additional parcels identified from the West Brandywine meeting that Meredith offered to have reviewed in an effort to validate ownership by county.
  - c. Meredith discussed with the committee sources of funding for trails that are available based on her experience.
  - 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. The Planning Commission's next two meetings are scheduled for Thursday July 26 and Thursday, August 23, from 7:00-8:30PM

3. Sidewalk connection on Suplee Road: No update on options for sidewalk in light of decline for easement by church.
4. Conservation Garden update : The conservation garden is growing well, but in need of weeding. The trails committee agrees to schedule a “weeding party” to get the weeds under control. As a preventative, the committee agrees that a Preen application and some additional mulch would be helpful in keeping weeds down and moisture in the soil.
5. Other topics: None
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM by Scott Holt, second by Maggie Pritchard.

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