



Minutes

Wallace Trail Preservation Board Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Wallace Township Building, 1250 Creek Road, Glenmoore, PA 19343

1. Attendees: Dorothy Kirk, Dan Wagner, Mary McCabe, Mary Wasko, Steve Nash, Carol Zindel, Barb D' Angelo, Lou Schneider, Jon Pendars (Rouse Chamberlain), Greg Graham (Rouse Chamberlain)
2. Prior minutes approved
3. Active Subdivisions--trail discussions with developers
 - a. Jon Pendars and Greg Graham, Rouse Chamberlain—Spring Mill subdivision (Schneider Tract). Rouse Chamberlain proposed a loop style trail through the new subdivision, to connect to the trail system at Highspire. A portion of the trail (about 1/3) would be along the road 'Spring Mill Count', whereas the remainder of the trail (about 2/3) would be natural surface. The allowed users for the entirety would be pedestrians and bikes (non-motorized), with the provision that if a connection would ever be available for the natural portion of this trail to meet to any connector trail eastward (in the direction of Springton Manor Farm), that the majority of the natural portion of the trail would also accommodate equestrians and cross-country skiers, and that an extension from this loop be added so that the two trails in question can meet. That is, the natural portion of the trail from the Highspire trail eastward towards and including any extension included to meet a trail on an adjacent parcel, will be open to equestrians and x-country skiers. Pendars stated that they would add this provision to the subdivision plan.
4. Map review and Updates
5. Township Commission updates (Supervisors, Planning Commission, Parks & Rec., etc)
 - a. Barb D'Angelo attended our meeting to provide an update on the former Greenfield property. State will gain portion of land adjacent to Marsh Creek State Park. County and Township will acquire easements to preserve rail road bed area for future Struble extension (which would avoid the Village).
 - b. Dorothy attended 3/2/2017 BOS meeting. Received approval to extend Burgess Park trail into Hannum Woods to create a longer loop (and to avoid trail/markers going along pipeline. BOS was in favor of easement to Township thru Colonial Woods w liability coverage for Wheelers to extend trail system from Brandywine Hill to Springton Manor Farm; BOS would like to walk proposed trail w WTPB. BOS acknowledged trail easement Giangiulio's was WTPA, not WTPB; we wanted to give BOS we wanted to approach landowners to discuss a more user friendly trail surface through wet areas.
6. Current Trail projects:
 - a. Highspire Estates Trail—**Need to replace one missing trail totem on outer trail.** Coordinated with Stone Barn Crossing and Highspire Estate HOA regarding

(unallowed) motorized users. Need to coordinate trail clearing session w residents (Spring).

- b. Glen Dale Preserve—Great shape—trails, creek crossing and signage.
- c. Brandywine Hill -Mowing of trail by Township should resume May—verify.
- d. Burgess Park to Hannum Woods loop -Proposal approved 3/2/2017: enlarge Burgess trail thru Hannum Woods to more fully use property, which would also avoid posts on pipeline. Also approved previously (5/29/2016)—two additional signs for Burgess Park / Hannum woods area (was meant for pipeline, can they be used elsewhere?)
- e. Linking portions of the public trail system together (including purchase easements). Becomes more significant with Struble Extension discussion.
 - a. Resident, Steve Nash, brought linkage of trail along historic roadbed from GlenDale Preserve to Springton Manor Farm to our attention. Needed pieces include Stone Barn Crossing, Wright's property (former Maes), and optionally a small piece of land on north side of Indian Run (to keep trail off more of road as it nears SMF. Highspire and GlenDale already have easements and trail segments; WTPA has an easement for linkage from Highspire trail to Indian Run Road, near Springton Manor Farm. Steve has attended Stone Barn HOA meeting and has talked to various land owners and has received positive interest from all segments needed. BC has walked trail w Steve and offered WTPB a feasibility study (at no cost to Wallace, as \$ for it has already been approved with a grant on their end). Wallace BOS has approved a portion of the BC proposal—thanks, BOS!
 - b. Nancy and Ray Wheeler are interested in donating an easement to connect from Brandywine Hill trail through Colonial Woods to Springton Manor Farm. Mary W., Mary M., Steve, and Carol marked potential trail 1-7-2017 to see if such a trail was possible through diamond shaped separate parcel adjacent to parking lot to SMF parcel—keeping trail entirely on Wheeler property. At 3/2/2017 BOS meeting, BOS agreed they would accept easement on property, providing liability coverage, but would like to walk it first (BOS) to understand what they would be taking on.
 - c. Beth Burnam continues effort with feasibility study. Christian Birch has given Beth a rough bridge estimate of \$75-100k to cross various creeks in Glendale, or on edge of Wheeler tract. 10 feet wide by 75 feet span in length.
- f. Wadsworth Subdivision - Need to ask about crossing drive near Highspire to keep trail off Highspire road itself. Barb D. will broach subject for us.
- g. Struble trail extension:
 - a. Valhalla (portions) are being preserved by NLT. See above.
 - b. Colonial Woods Segment - Nancy and Ray Wheeler proceeding with County donation (would love to get an appraisal for Wheelers to aid in possible tax benefit)
 - c. Village Trail Segment (detour provided with a.) above!
 - d. Coordination with Brandy Conservancy (Mary W.)
 - e. Greenway Concept Plan updates (Mary W.) Meeting 4/4 12:30 at Wallace Township building for Greenway update w Sheila Flemming, Beth Burnam,

etc. was informative. Most of the participants were interested in trails and were from neighboring townships. Many trail projects underway!

- f. Coordination with Rachel Griffiths (she replaced Brian Styche), Open Space Planner, Chester County Planning Commission or Beth Burnam (Greenway): no updates, she did attend above event in Wallace.
 - g. PECO property/grant acquisition (on hold)
7. Ray Park: Perimeter loop request at 6-5-2015 BOS meeting, revisit once fields are planned; fields currently on multi-year farm lease.
 8. M.A. Trail: Dorothy attended 5-19-2016 BOS mtg—received approval for bike and cross country ski icons to be added to trail posts, but not horses. **BOS is reconsidering bike icon. Meanwhile, should add non-motorized icon**
 9. Get to know the Trails in Your area trail walks: April 15, 2017 Glendale 10:00 a.m.
 10. Potential Eagle Scout project- Ethan Matlack. He would like to see several of our trail needs before choosing his project.
 11. VOSS sign order. Icons, replacements.
 12. New Business: none