



Minutes

Wallace Trail Preservation Board Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Attendees: Dorothy Kirk, Mary Wasko, Mary McCabe, Julian Onderdonk, Christina Hayford, Jim Aker and Rob Jones (from our BOS).
2. Approved prior minutes (December with minor modifications, no meeting January, February): Done
3. Active Subdivision review: see below for updates. Rob suggested that we rotate group members attending Planning Commission meetings - Dorothy to check with Betty if developers will be at a given meeting. Rob suggested that even if they aren't attending, there is sometimes useful information presented at meetings.
4. Map review and Updates: reviewed maps on site, primarily new developments: Reviewed several maps with Rob Jones, primarily regarding Trails at Marsh Creek. See details below.
5. Current / Future Wallace Trails and their projects:
 - a. Digital map project from Scott Aker, Architect. Per Jim, next update from Scott expected end of March or April with suggested next collaborative workshop date.
 - b. Devereux - proposed new development on school property. Review 'sketch' plan with developer (later). Monitor Planning Commission for next meeting where Devereux will attend.
 - c. Glen Dale Preserve - Regarding additional trail and parking signs. These are ok with Peter: "Lower Trail Head -->" (with a hiker icon below these words; the words should not be too huge), and "Trail Parking". Mary W. to coordinate with Dan so we can complete this action item.
 - d. Highspire Estates Trail - Need a minimal amount of replacement markers. A few property owners have visually expanded their yards, adding boulders over the trail, etc. Betty reports that encroachment owners have been advised of encroachment and they will move their items. Mini bike usage on trail has been corrected. Rob offered that township may be able to remove an abandoned trampoline if we can identify its exact location; Mary W. to identify location and share with Rob and Steve. A "Get to Know the Trails in your area" trail walk is planned on 4/20. Those who are interested can walk just to learn trail location or pitch in and trim as they walk, if so inclined. This will be a good opportunity to see what markers are missing on trail and check for current trail encroachments.
 - e. Colonial Woods Trail - awaiting final steps at PennDOT to make crossing happen to SMF. Steve says PennDot engineering work is complete. Check with Craig occasionally to see if all is complete. There is a down tree, near Brandywine Hill - Mary to ask Steve to remove it.
 - f. Brandywine Hill.
 - g. Burgess Park, Hannum Woods. Far future, with Struble re-routing around village: look at trail to see where a nice bridge crossing might be to the Trails at Marsh Creek development. Picnic table is currently in the creek - share this with Steve so it can be removed.
 - h. Connector Trail (Municipal Authority). Traffic concern crossing Indiantown Road. This project is currently deferred until the trail crossing by PennDOT is complete on Springton Road. Rob is interested in checking if PennDOT park can start process now. Rob likes the idea to slow traffic with the police digital speed capture sign and will get this placed at the trail crossing asap. Rob would like to see the proposed signage to slow traffic, but understands that PennDOT study will need to come first.
 - i. Springton Manor Elementary - DASD has agreed to maintain walking/bike/skiing and equestrian trail per specs in original plan. Dorothy to give current maintenance list to DASD for spring repairs.
 - j. Alice Park
 - k. Ray Park - Path to SMF? Steve is allowed to maintain existing path to SMF (zig zag trail). Perimeter trail in existence. Springton is ok with us connecting to their trail. Dorothy asked Barb to include this stipulation in contract with farmer when contract is renewed and Barb agreed. Rob will also monitor when new farm contract comes up for this inclusion.

- l. Spring Mill Development trail - Greg (builder), Dorothy and Mary re-walked trail together to check for improvements Greg agreed to make at last trail walk with him on 9-11/2023. Posts were added with icons. Greg made HOA aware of maintenance needs of trail (grass cutting, keeping it clear). Only two posts still need minor icon/arrow corrections: a few icons at Highspire which lead to Spring Mill trails. Also, one of the added posts sticks up at a height about 7' (so it is not buried deeply enough). Greg to correct this for post stability. Greg to update group email when last items are done so Dorothy and Mary can quickly verify. When complete, we can recommend to the BOS that we feel Greg has completed what had agreed to do, trail-wise.
 - m. Mila Woods. Re-submitted (12 homes) John Panizza.
 - n. South Down - Final plan is as expected with a perimeter trail. Need to verify user groups are as expected.
 - o. Trails at Marsh Creek (formerly Brandolini. By Keystone - New development off Fairview near Howson, 101 homes, estimated Spring 2024 (must complete water treatment plant first). Plan does include a future connection to future Struble North trail. Purchased by Keystone Homes. However, two segments of the trail, which would provide a continuous outer loop, have been removed in the final (approved) plan. They were present at last trail meeting with Scott Zwizanski (Inland Design) while plan was owned by Brandolini. Craig will discuss with new owner, Keystone Homes, if they would restore these (as a courtesy). Craig will also verify user groups allowed on trail (should be all 4 - walkers/hikers, bike, equestrian, cross country skiers). Rob requested a copy of the working plan (from Trail discussions with Scott Zwizanski) which showed aforementioned, now missing trail segments and he will also investigate if they can be restored. Future: Township to look into crossing the creek with a bridge (grant).
 - p. Overlook at Marsh Creek by Keystone (DeLuca, formerly Greenfield) - New development on former Greenfield tract. Purchased by Keystone Homes. Has final approval. Development is missing one segment to make the trail continuous for all users (there is a small on-road segment). Craig to potentially ask about this. Also, verify allowed user groups (not evident on plan maps).
 - q. Wagenseller - destination from two+ trails. Park currently under renovations.
6. Ideas to attract new members: events, community outreach, trail clearing walk (to get to know the trails and do a little trimming en-route), etc? A "Get to Know the Trails in your area" event will be added on 4/20 with rain date 4/27 at Highspire. Christina to advertise event to raise awareness and interest (10:00 - noon). Meet at parking lot at entrance of Highspire. Optional: those who wish to help with trail trimming or cleanup while walking can bring clippers, gloves, trash bags, etc. Idea for next walk (end of May?): Brandywine Hill, Colonial Woods, Burgess, Hannum Woods.
 7. Linking portions of the public trail system together
 - a. Glendale to Springton Manor Farm - Discuss maintenance on WTPA eased section Giangulio (deferred)
 - b. Colonial Woods to Springton Manor Farm - PennDOT crossing is nearly complete.
 8. Struble Northern Trail extension / Greenway:
 - a. Update from Greenway (Northern Regional Trails)
 - b. Coordination with Brandy Conservancy, Greenway Concept plan
 - c. Coordination with Parks and Preservation in Chester County. Director is Dave Stauffer (610-344-5656)
 9. New business: Get to Know the Trails in your area event has been put on the calendar (see above!)