



Minutes

Wallace Trail Preservation Board Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Attendees: Dorothy Kirk, Mary Wasko, Dan Wagner, Christina Hayford, Barb D'Angelo
2. Approval of prior minutes (March) complete
3. Active Subdivision review: see below. No developers at 4/10 Planning Commission Meeting per Elise.
4. Map review and Updates: reviewed maps on site, primarily new developments; See below
5. Current / Future Wallace Trails and their projects:
 - a. Digital map project from Scott Aker, Architect. Barb asked if we'd find it helpful for BOS/Township to take the lead? Group can ponder if this would be helpful.
 - b. Devereux - proposed new development on school property. Upcoming: review 'sketch' plan with developer (when they are done with Historical Commission). Monitor Planning Commission for next meeting where Devereux will attend to discuss perimeter trail connectivity that is missing on adjacent properties and future Struble extension.
 - 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 with SmartSign, VOSS, etc.
 - d. Highspire Estates Trail - Trail unofficially rerouted to avoid wetness of historic road bed is not in eased area (may be a future issue as trail is outside of the designated trail corridor). Trail is now 30 to 60 feet above original location. 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. Awaiting trampoline removal (Mary W has given location to township). 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/Betty occasionally to see if all is complete. There is a down tree, near Brandywine Hill - Mary to ask Steve/Township to remove it. Grant application has been started by Wallace Trust for a bridge to cross creek to access Springton Manor Farm - estimated time is 1.5 years +/- . Current owners (Wheelers) are selling retirement home on this property. Are we set, easement-wise, for future bridge?
 - 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 can start process now - ask Rob what the outcome of this was. Barb to talk to Rob to find out what, if any, outcome was. Rob placed the police digital speed sign at this location nearly the day after our last meeting, as a temporary way to alert drivers to slow down.
 - i. Springton Manor Elementary - DASD has agreed to maintain walking/bike/skiing and equestrian trail per specs in original plan. DASD to address issue where adjacent homeowner has removed newly replaced mesh and fence boards (again) for his ease of use (rather than detouring briefly on equestrian trail). Township has been made aware and is suggesting ideas for compliance of a solid

barrier as specified in the conditional use document. Note: the gap still remains. There are some new maintenance needs on the trail - 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 - complete and in good shape!
 - 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. This development has been sold - current owners? Name change?
 - 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 - storm water, playground.
6. A "Get to Know the Trails in your area" event will be 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 - let's choose another walk or two and advertise to gain interest. Dorothy, Mary W and Christina to attend.
7. Other ideas to attract new members: more community outreach, spring trail clearing at various developments, joint event next year with EAC for trash clean-up on a trail combined to 'get to know' another trail, etc?
8. 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, can we clear the SMF piece adjacent to Colonial Woods as soon as the signage/crossing implements are in place?
9. 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)
10. New business
- a. Next "Get to Know the Trails in your Area" trail walk 5/18, 1 pm, meet at SME playground (to attract yard sale audience). Christina to advertise.
 - b. Benches on trails? Who would pay for these? Prison built, Costars?