



## Draft Minutes

### Wallace Trail Preservation Board Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Attendees: Dorothy Kirk, Mary Wasko, Mary McCabe, Dan Wagner, Barb D'Angelo, Christina Hayford
2. Approval of prior minutes (April): done
3. Active Subdivision review
4. Map review and Updates: see below
5. Current / Future Wallace Trails and their projects:
  - a. Digital map project from Scott Aker, Architect. Scott Aker scheduled brief meeting (25 minutes) 5/2 at 7 pm to briefly recap items still not incorporated from prior meeting, including legend. Hyperlinks are part of stage 2. WTPB to give Scott "Special Notes and Points of Interests" to incorporate (done 5/9). Scott will deliver pre-final maps by 5/31. We will then have two weeks to review and make final markups (must send any markups via email). He will make those corrections and deliver mid-June+ as a packaged set of .pdf maps. He will not include SMF or Marsh Creek, but we can add these as .pdf files to the set ourselves. We can then ask Elise to add these maps to the township website. Our group to meet briefly to review pre-final map Tuesday 6/4 at 7 pm.
  - 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. Ask Dan where "Lower Trail Head" sign will be placed so we know if arrow will be → or ← or upwards to indicate direction to travel for trail head. Ideas: arrow separate with hiker. Ask Peter if "No trail parking" to avoid people driving down his driveway. Dorothy to call Peter.
  - 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. At 4/20 trail walk, Dorothy and Mary replaced an arrow and noted need for a larger arrow (we have one) at fence at water treatment plant. Also, noted were the need for 4-5 posts: 1) after going around aforementioned fence, to go back into woods of trail 2) two posts needed - one from either direction - on entry to 'yard encroachment area' of two side-by-side homeowners whose 'visually expanded yard' has usurped the trail. Also, a smaller marker to keep people on this trail and not veer onto a small trail to a fort made by one of the aforementioned homeowners to access a fort (on township land). 3) after yard encroachment areas, there is a drainage area - one more marker needed on far side to go into woods here (which also needs some clean-up, thick overgrowth) and 4) potentially one near end of development to enter trail (was run over by snow plow long ago). Regarding two lots that have visually expanded their yards: Betty reports that encroachment owners have been advised of encroachment and they will move their items. Township residents on 4/20 walk were hesitant to cross the trail in the encroachment area - it felt too much like someone's yard to them. We need to solve this issue - row of trees 10' from tree line, much as we've done at Brandywine Hill? Dorothy attended BOS meeting to discuss row of trees. Rob Jones asked us to map location on our trail map and to measure approximate distance needed for trees (so they can identify potential cost). Also, to mark post locations on map. Dorothy and Dan to walk Highspire to detail these items on map. Awaiting trampoline removal (Mary W has given location to township).

- 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. **Downed tree has been removed.** 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? Dorothy to send Betty message to forward to Mike asking if current township easement has everything that we need for future including bridge? Mary W to find out more about property sale timeframe, etc. and send Nancy Wheeler a thank you note for contributing to Wallace trails with the easement.
- 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 checked with PennDOT to start process for road crossing. 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. Speed sign present for several weeks.**
- 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? Ask Betty.**
- 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 was scheduled for 5/18, 1:00 at SME. Rained out. Rescheduled to 6/22 at 1:00. Also, at BOS (Dorothy attended), Rob asked that the events can be hosted by WTPB and we can send the flyers to Betty/Elise to add to website. Also, let's check next date selected against other township events (we inadvertently chose a time when another trail walk was scheduled).
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): Mary attended 5/10 and shared our map update project. They are working on strategic plan, comprehensive plan.
  - 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. Benches on Trails?
  - a. Who would pay for these? Prison built, Costars (one of Wallace's suppliers)? Needed?
11. New business: none