



Minutes

Wallace Trail Preservation Board Meeting

Monday, August 19, 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, Jim Aker
2. Approved July Minutes with modification
3. Active Subdivision review - per Barb, Greg Newell to add trail at next PC meeting. Question: did Devereux resubmit plan?
4. Map review and Updates: see below
5. Current / Future Wallace Trails and their projects:
 - a. Digital map project from Scott Aker, Architect. Forwarded completed maps to Elise 7/9 and also Betty to pass to BOS. Elise to put maps on township website, organized by map title, one map per description. Dorothy also forwarded maps for Marsh Creek State Park and Springton Manor Farm. Estimated time to add to website is a few weeks. Barb to follow up on progress.
 - b. Devereux - proposed new development on school property. Preliminary subdivision application (54 sheets, circa 7/11/2024) has no trails on the plan. Dorothy emailed Betty to let BOS/PC know that WTPB would like to review a plan with trails and were disappointed that there were no trails on the plan. Barb advised that we should wait until developer puts trails on the plan and then comment as to their appropriateness (does it have a full perimeter trail and provide connections to other trails?). 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 to see if these items can be included in addition to usual perimeter trail and usual connectivity. Devereux vacates student usage by the end of the summer. Date/time to walk the property with WTPB to understand feasibility of trails: 9/8 10 am.
 - c. Glen Dale Preserve - We need to add a hiker icon to the "Lower Trail Head" sign on Peter's driveway.
 - 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. Updates to be done (noticed at 4/20 trail walk): larger arrow 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 June 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, Dan and Mary W walked Highspire 7/25 to detail these items on map to give BOS the requested information, measuring length of encroaching properties for proposed trees, mark locations of proposed posts, etc. Dorothy submitted a detailed list of encroachments (4 houses) and how we'd like to reclaim the trail through tree plantings or re-routing, plus locations of new posts, plus request to remove large felled tree due to storm (blocking trail head) to BOS on 8/8. She attended

BOS meeting 8/8. Due to storm and abbreviated meeting, Rob suggested BOS would read the detailed description and email us with any questions. We should plan to follow up at next BOS meeting, either 9 am 8/22 or 7 pm 9/12. Still awaiting abandoned trampoline removal - location noted to BOS.

Maintenance needed: brush hog on outer trail. Jim to send us chair of HOA contact information.

- 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. 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 +/- . Wheelers have sold retirement home; property to currently remain as such. Are we set, easement-wise, for future bridge? Ask Betty to forward note to Mike asking if current township easement has everything that we need for future including bridge?
 - f. Brandywine Hill.
 - g. Burgess Park, Hannum Woods. Picnic table - has the debris from the former table been removed? Julian to check if table is in any way usable or if it has been discarded, etc.
 - h. Connector Trail (Municipal Authority). Traffic concern crossing Indiantown Road. Rob initiated process with PennDOT for road crossing. Barb to ask Rob to consider rotating use of digital speed sign periodically to slow down drivers until a PennDOT crossing is installed at next BOS meeting.
 - 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). Note: the gap still remains. DASD has eliminated weeds, including on fence and has added more stone to trail, which has widened trail.
 - 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! Greg (developer) has provided WTPB with HOA contact for future maintenance on their portion of trail.
 - m. Mila Woods. Re-submitted (12 homes) John Panizza.
 - n. Fox Lane (formerly South Down) - Final plan is as expected with a perimeter trail. Need to verify user groups are as expected.
 - o. Trails at Marsh Creek (New development off Fairview near Howson, 101 homes, 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, should an opportunity arise that they can be asked to be restored. More distant future: Township to look into crossing the creek with a bridge (grant).
 - p. Overlook at Marsh Creek by Keystone - 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. Renovations nearly complete.
6. "Get to Know the Trails in your area" Potential "walk" dates of 8/10 and 8/17 weekends did not pan out. Let's choose new dates, perhaps aligning with Community Day 9/21 and from Wagenseller Park or Trunk or Treat?

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; 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) project. Feasibility study - Mary W to update re future bridge from Colonial Woods to SMF.
 - b. Coordination with Brandy Conservancy, Greenway Concept plan. October?
 - c. Coordination with Parks and Preservation in Chester County. Director is Dave Stauffer (610-344-5656)
10. Benches on Trails? Idea on hold. Who would pay for these? Prison built, Costars (one of Wallace's suppliers)?
11. New business: Submit a list of felled trees on trails to township (from recent storms). Community Day - get a new overview map (large). Dorothy to ask Staples, FedEx Office how much.