



Minutes

Wallace Trail Preservation Board Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Attendees: Dorothy Kirk, Mary Wasko, Mary McCabe, Dan Wagner, Julian Onderdonk, Mark Eshbacher
2. Review/Approve August Minutes
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. Maps forwarded to PC for review. Mary Wasko, Jim Aker and Mark Escbacher attended. Several suggestions were made by PC: Change HOA wording to Private, remove dashed lines showing future trails, eliminate trail shown at Barneston Dam, eliminate "private" trail shown from Highspire to Indian Run Road, delete outlined "box" on overview map to indicate an area of Future Trails. Dorothy alerted BOS that the presumed-private trail indicated above is actually a public trail that the Wallace Trail Preservation Association has held an easement on for 33 years. This easement was created as part of the Indian Run Subdivision, and was recorded July 16, 1991 in Deed Book 11265, Page 1 and Deed Book 2496, Page 154. The subdivision plan may be viewed or downloaded from the Recorder of the Deeds website at <https://www.chesco.org/169/Recorder-of-Deeds>, using the Records search link. This is a 10' wide public trail easement and can be maintained by the Wallace Trail Preservation Association. This public trail is on the private land of Thomas P. and Susan B. Giangiulio, but this is very similar to the public trail traversing Peter Rotelle's private property in Glendale Preserve that has an easement to Natural Lands Trust and as such, should be included in the map in the same fashion that the trail at Glendale Preserve is included in the map. Need to discuss Barneston Dam trail. It is a public trail, owned by Chester County Water Resources. It was included in the same fashion that trails at Springton Manor Farm (owned by the County) or Marsh Creek State Park (state owned) are included in our maps - these are trails in Wallace Township that residents can utilize. **IDEA: add to maps "Hunters wear orange and so should you"** note to main map and Barneston map. Need to discuss with BOS before they make their final decision on maps. Next BOS meeting is 10/10.
 - b. Devereux - PC meeting indicated that developer may attend a Trail Meeting (shall we invite Greg Newell?) We need to ask for a full perimeter trail, connections to adjacent trails and discuss perimeter trail connectivity that is missing on adjacent properties and future Struble. **Mary, Mark and Dan 9/7 walked property to evaluate options. Mark described walk through boulder field; trail between two basins. Coordinate of center of field are 40 degrees, 5 minutes, 29 sec North and -75 degrees, 45 minutes, 22.42 sec West.**
 - c. Glen Dale Preserve - Hiker icon added 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).

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. Suggestion: add a row of trees 10' from tree line to highlight trail. 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. Mary Wasko and Dan Wagner attended 9/12 BOS meeting - 15 trees have been ordered and 6 posts. Still awaiting abandoned trampoline removal - location noted to BOS. Maintenance needed: brush hog on outer trail. Jim sent Mary W. chair of HOA contact information. Steve cut dead tree (has it been moved off trail?)

- e. Colonial Woods Trail - Still awaiting final steps at PennDOT to make crossing happen to SMF. 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 +/-.
 - f. Brandywine Hill.
 - g. Burgess Park, Hannum Woods. Picnic table has been removed from creek/
 - 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 been maintaining walking/bike/skiing and equestrian trail nicely. DASD to address issue where adjacent homeowner has removed replaced mesh and fence boards (again) for his ease of use (rather than detouring briefly on equestrian trail).
 - j. Alice Park
 - k. Ray Park - Path to SMF? Steve is allowed to maintain existing path to SMF (zig zag trail). Dorothy asked Barb to include perimeter trail 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
 - m. Mila Woods
 - n. Fox Lane (formerly South Down) - Need to verify user groups are as expected. Building has started!
 - o. Trails at Marsh Creek (Keystone Homes). Plan does include a future connection to future Struble North trail. 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 verify user groups allowed on trail (should be all 4 - walkers/hikers, bike, equestrian, cross country skiers). Rob, should an opportunity arise, request that the missing previously agreed upon trail segments restored. More distant future: Township to look into crossing the creek with a bridge (grant).
 - p. Overlook at Marsh Creek by Keystone (Keystone Homes) - Former Greenfield tract. Has final approval. Verify allowed user groups (not evident on plan maps).
 - q. Wagenseller - destination from two+ trails. Park currently under renovations - storm water, playground.
6. "Get to Know the Trails in your area". Trunk or treat event cancelled. Find another fall time.
 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
 - 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. Coordination with Brandywine Creek Greenway (Brandywine Conservancy). Feasibility study - Mary W to update re future bridge from Colonial Woods to SMF. Strategic Action Plan for the Brandywine Creek Greenway.
 - b. Coordination with Parks and Preservation in Chester County. Director is Dave Stauffer (610-344-5656)
10. Can we submit a list of felled trees on trails to township (from recent storms)? How can we make this easy to do with each storm? Designated helpers who walk trails regularly?
11. New Business: none other than incorporated above.