

Bondsville Mill Committee

February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Kirkner, Scott Piersol, Arne Jensen, Jim Buczala and Hudson Voltz.

The meeting opened at 8:10 AM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kirkner asked if there were any questions on the prior meeting minutes of January 28, 2016. There were none. Mr. Buczala made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Kirkner seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Construction Committee Report

Mr. Kirkner asked about communicating the 5 primary work elements proposed for 2016 to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Piersol indicated he would advise the Supervisors of the Mill Committee's plans for 2016, and ask for their concurrence. A summary of those work elements is as follows:

- Complete the roof reconstruction for Building "A".
- Stabilize Building "C". A roof for Building "C" is a long-range goal.
- Begin layout and construction of the southern section of walking trail.
- Design and install a park sign along Bondsville Road.
- Continue work to clean out the weeds and debris in the mill race.

Mr. Jensen indicated that approximately 30% of the building materials needed for the roof projects are on site. Mr. Kirkner confirmed these items were included in the 2016 budget expense line item for Bondsville Mill Park.

Mr. Buczala asked what work can be done in the stream without the need for a PA DEP permit. Mr. Piersol indicated that any work in the stream likely requires a permit. Mr. Jensen asked if a tree fell across the stream and was creating pressure across the bridge abutment, could it be removed. Mr. Piersol will check with Roadmaster VanLew, but he believed an emergency permit might be required for this type of situation. Otherwise, any work in or along the stream requires a PA DEP permit.

Mr. Voltz asked about funding opportunities being available. Mr. Piersol indicated the County's VPP grant program might be one source of funding (fall grant round), as well as the DCNR grant program, since the latter provided funding for the Master Plan for the Park. Mr. Kirkner and Mr. Voltz will investigate private foundation funding, grants and other potential funding opportunities. Mr. Kirkner and Mr. Buczala are also planning to update the Mill Park brochure.

Mr. Piersol discussed the planning grant that had been submitted to the County VPP grant program to conduct a feasibility study for the trail connection from the Struble Trail through West Brandywine Township to Hibernia Park. This is a cooperative effort that involves Uwchlan, East and West Brandywine Townships.

Mr. Piersol indicated he and David Sweet are scheduled to meet with Susan Elks from the County Planning Commission on March 29th to discuss a planning grant to revise various ordinances, and said there might be an opportunity to coordinate a funding request for both purposes. Cost information and a project scope would need to be provided in order to evaluate this concept. The grant funds allocated by the County are generally \$125,000 for each grant round, a minimum required match of 30% of the project cost being required.

Mr. Jensen displayed a topographical map of the Park site that the Construction Committee uses to document the work being done on the trail segments. Mr. Piersol was asked if the Township had a copy of this aerial view, which originated from E.B. Walsh. Mr. Piersol located a similar version of the map, and provided two large color prints to the Committee.

Mr. Jensen indicated that a fair amount of debris, accumulated over a period of years, has revealed itself recently at the Park. He suggested arranging a "clean-up" day to address this issue.

Future trail locations and connections were discussed based on this map. The Mill Committee members will meet at the Mill Park on Monday, February 29th at 8:00 AM to walk the proposed trail areas. One of the goals of this site meeting is to identify where boardwalks and bridges might be needed for planning purposes.

Potential future connections to neighboring properties were briefly discussed, including the McCausland Farm (potential development) and connection to a trail system in Caln Township at the southern end of the Park. It was thought to be a good idea to bring the concept up with Caln Township just to, at this point, put the idea on their radar.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was approved at 8:50 AM. The next Mill Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager