

## **Trails Committee Meeting Minutes**

East Brandywine Township Building

January 8, 2019 @7:00pm

Members Present: Mike Wagoner (MW), Len Alansky (LA), , Charles Lindsay(CL), Muriel Kennedy (MK)

Members Absent: David Summers (DS), Ian Plane (IP)

Guests: Luke Reven (LR)

**Chairman Wagoner brought the meeting to order at 7:10pm.**

### **Approval of the Minutes from December 11, 2018**

The December minutes will be shared and approved at the February meeting along with these minutes from the January meeting.

### **Property Owner Outreach / Needed Easement Acquisition Project:**

Letter to residents drafted by LA and MK was sent to 4 residents. The letter invited them to the January 8th Committee meeting. No residents contacted LR, or were present at this meeting.

**ACTION:** The Committee agreed to take a wait-and-see posture rather than immediately contacting them again.

### **Weaver Tract Preliminary Plan:**

Preliminary plan showing NVR Homes' proposed trail network was discussed. MW commented that he plans to propose a new plan with more inter-community connections and more trails at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** Committee members are to review the plan and bring any concerns/comments to MW.

### **Whittaker Trailhead Park (East-West Component)**

MW reported that there are no engineering plans yet but will hopefully be available by next Trails Committee meeting in February. This timing is necessary to begin grant applications due in June.

MW described a parallel plan to convince the County to purchase the former Shady Acres Campground on Rt 282 as a site for the Whittaker Trailhead parking lot. This area is much larger and will allow for a larger parking area than the parking lot planned at the trailhead. The plan would be to connect this parking lot with the Whittaker Trailhead with a trail built along Rt 282.

### **Perme/Winters Acquisition and Ferndale-Community Park Connection**

LR reported that lot corners are marked at both the Firethorn connection at the north end of the park and the Ferndale connection at the south end of the park. LR is meeting with engineer on Friday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> to go over the details of the connection plan with the next step being the design/build plans. Some tree/brush clearing will be needed at the north connection. This work will be managed by the Township work crew. A 500+ feet post and rail fence will need to be constructed along the trail at the south connection and it was agreed by the Committee that the fence work will be performed as a volunteer activity with Township residents.

### **Brandywine Creek Water Trail Invitation**

Brandywine Conservancy studying feasibility of water trail. Looking for input on route, access, safety. Meeting at Downingtown Borough Annex on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

**Non-Agenda Items**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Alansky