

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

East Brandywine Township Building

February 12, 2019 @7:00pm

Members Present: Mike Wagoner (MW), Len Alansky (LA)

Members Absent: David Summers (DS), Ian Plane (IP), Charles Lindsay (CL), Muriel Kennedy (MK)

Guests: Luke Reven (LR)

A quorum of the Trails Committee was not present.

Property Owner Outreach / Needed Easement Acquisition Project:

Dr. Michael Choi and wife (120 Dowlin Forge Rd) were present to meet the Committee and express their thoughts on the E-W Trail proposal. They were somewhat familiar with the E-W proposed alignment based on information they viewed on the EB website. Generally speaking they were positive toward the Trail concept but had the following concerns:

- Privacy – they were concerned that trail users may access their property either by using their driveway or simply walking off the Trail onto their property. LR and MW noted their concern and explained that there would be appropriate signage and fencing/landscaping to discourage Trail users from entering their property.
- Crossing their driveway – the proposed alignment has the Trail crossing over Rock Raymon Rd from the Tischler property then along the Choi's property, and over their driveway before entering the Brandywine Conservancy property. The Choi's were strongly against this alignment requesting that the Trail not cross their driveway.

Scott Simpson, new owner of the Whitaker property was present to meet the Committee and become more familiar with E-W Trail alignment. LR showed the Trail easement (which has already been secured) on his property adjacent to Dowlin Forge Rd. Mr. Simpson was aware of the Trail easement and overall expressed his support for the Trail. MW mentioned to Mr. Simpson that due to the utility configuration at the southwest corner of Dowlin Forge Rd and Creek Rd, the Committee may wish to discuss the acquisition of additional trail easement in the future, depending on where the Trail will cross Creek Rd from the Trailhead side.

Whittaker Trailhead Park (East-West Component)

MW reported that he and LR met with Uwchlan Twp and discussed locations to cross the Brandywine Creek west of the Dowlin Forge Rd road bridge. Gas right-of-way is making it difficult to locate a Trail bridge. It is possible that one or both of the old bridge abutments may need to be removed. A new plan is being drafted by McMahan.

Perme/Winters Acquisition and Ferndale-Community Park Connection

LR and MW met with engineer 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+ foot 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. Next steps- engineer will draft a RFP which will need to be approved by Board of Supervisors and sent out to bid.

299 Creek Rd Acquisition and Trail

Additional parking lot for the Struble Trail. A trail would need to be constructed to connect the lot west to the proposed Whitaker Trailhead. MW reported that the Open Space Committee was supportive of the purchase. The plan is to seek funding from Chester County.

Non-Agenda Items

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Alansky