

East Brandywine Trails Committee Meeting

June 14, 2022

The East Brandywine Township Trails Committee meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present; Mike Wagoner (chairman), David Summers, Len Alansky, and Leslie Herr. The following topics were discussed.

McCausland-Plank Development

Vic Kelly from Commonwealth Engineering and Rachel from IM Focus Planning provided the Trails Committee with a description of the trail system proposed in the initial stages of the development plan. The Trails Committee accepted the plan with a few minor modifications which were agreed by the representatives.

Trail Stripping along existing roadways

Trail Stripping on the existing roads of Wildbrier Dr and Firethorn Dr from Community Park to the Maplevue Development is proposed for 2022 by the EB Roads Dept. It was suggested that the stripping is performed once the Maplevue trail system is completed. Re-stripping of Hideway Farms roads will also be included.

June Meeting update: No further updates at this time.

E-W Trail Signage

A sign/graphic specialist has been identified and will be engaged once Trail branding is agreed with WB Township. MW has spoken to John Cassel (WBT Supervisor) about our proposals for the E-W Trail and our committee is invited to attend a future WBT Trails committee meeting. Members from our Trails Committee are tentatively planning to attend the June 9, 2022 WBT Trails committee meeting at 6:30pm.

June Meeting update: WB Township Trails Committee did not meet on June 9, 2022. The EB Trails Committee will endeavor to attend a future meeting to discuss E-W trail signage. It was discussed that using on-trail markings (e.g. bricks) should be considered in areas where traditional signage is not permitted.

Whitaker Trailhead at Dowlin Forge Rd and creek crossing

MW has not yet made contact with Uwchlan Twp on an alternative bridge placement so engineering drawings can be made in time for fall grant applications. Bridge placement in a location south of Dowlin Forge Rd vehicle bridge is now being strongly considered.

However, a parking lot at this Trailhead may not be feasible due limitations building close to the creek and also site line restrictions from the Whitaker farm. This leads into a discussion regarding the use of the former campground on Rt 282. Future committee activities should include working with our Open Space Committee and Chester County to this secure property for use as a Trailhead/parking area for the trail network.

June Meeting update: It was discussed that any conversations between the Open Space Committee and the campground owner should include Jay Fisher. Additionally, it was discussed that a 2-bridge proposal should be considered if the campground is acquired, one at the campground and another near the existing road bridge on Dowlin Forge Rd.

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Trails Committee Membership

The recent survey conducted by the Township collected names of those interested in getting involved with the township. The Trails Committee is open to accept another member.