

East Brandywine Trails Committee Meeting September 13, 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.

Trail Stripping along existing roadways

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

Action: MW to email EBT Roadmaster to inquire about plans for stripping.

E-W Trail Signage

LH and MW from our Trails Committee attended the July 14, 2022 WBT Trails committee meeting to discuss E-W Trail branding. LH and MW commented that the conversation regarding common signage seemed to be something the WBT Trails Committee has not previously discussed and therefore were not prepared to agree on the concept.

Action: Meet with WBT Trails committee at a future meeting with a signage proposal

Whitaker Trailhead at Dowlin Forge Rd and creek crossing

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.

To that end MW invited Dave Stauffer (Chester County Parks and Preservation) to attend an EBT Open Space Committee with a proposal to purchase the campground property in a partnership with EBT. Chester County would take the lead on maintenance. The proposal is to secure the property for use as a Trailhead/parking area for the trail network which is part of the Chester County Greenways program. 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.

Action: EBT Open Space committee to approach campground owner with proposal

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 additional members.

Action: MW to contact Lisa Taraschi to secure names of self-identified volunteers