

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

East Brandywine Township Building

February 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mike Wagoner, Len Alansky, and David Summers

Members Absent: Muriel Kennedy, Charlie Lindsay, and Ian Plane

Guests: Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Jay Fischer
Noelle Callahan, 459 Corner Ketch
Assistant Township Manager Luke Reven

As the Committee remains without a Secretary following the resignation of Richard Williams in November, Chairman Wagoner asked Mr. Reven to take the minutes of the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting. Member Summers made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Member Alansky. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Hopewell Open Space “D” Trail Extension

Mr. Reven presented final “Conceptual Design Plans for Hopewell HOA Open Space D Trail” and “Overall Easement Exhibit” both dated May 15, 2017 and last revised December 21, 2017 to the Committee. Also made available for the Committee’s review where Easement Legal Descriptions and Plats for the Hopewell HOA and Gardiner Properties dated December 20, 2017. Mr. Reven further reported that McMahon’s scope of services is now complete.

The Committee reviewed an e-mail dated January 11, 2018 from Holly Setzler, representing the Hopewell HOA Board. The e-mail states in part that “At this point in time, the Board believes the owners are overwhelmingly opposed to the trail which sentiment was conveyed last year. The Board finds itself understandably hard pressed to devote time (volunteer) or community resources (everyone’s money) to the Township’s project.”

As next steps for the project, the Committee determined the following:

- A presentation of McMahon’s final exhibits will be made to the Board of Supervisors, tentatively scheduled for the May 2018 Regular Session (May 17, 2018).
- The Committee would like to proceed with the easement swap with for the Gardiner Property. To that end:
 - Luke is to obtain a legal services estimate for this work; and
 - This estimate should be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Vision Partnership Grant – East-West Trail

Mr. Reven reported that the feedback from the comment period ending in January have been incorporated into the final plan. This final plan is at the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) for approval. Once complete, the next step is for the municipalities to accept that McMahon’s scope of work is complete. This must occur before reimbursement is possible. Mr. Reven solicited the committee for how they would like to be involved, and the following course of action was agreed:

- Once CCPC approval is in-hand, Mr. Reven will share with the final plan with the East Brandywine Township Trails Committee.
- The Trails Committee will then consider making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Perme/Winters Purchase Agreement

Mr. Reven reported that the acquisition of this parcel of land (now UPI 30-2-56.5) is complete Mr. Reven will again attempt to schedule Nathan Cline, Township Engineer for a meeting of the Trails Committee. Invitations will be extended to both the Open Space and Parks and Recreation Committees to begin planning for the trail and other improvements on the parcel.

Presentation Regarding DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants

Chairman Wagoner presented information about PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant programs which have spring 2018 deadlines. Chairman Wagoner plans to speak with Sheila Fleming of the Brandywine Conservancy to find out if there is a grant eligible projects for which an application can be made.

Non-Agenda Items

The need for a permanent Secretary was discussed. As there were no volunteers, the matter was tabled until the full Committee is present.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Reven". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Luke Reven