

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

East Brandywine Township Building

March 13, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Muriel Kennedy, Charlie Lindsay, Ian Plane, Len Alansky, and David Summers

Members Absent: Mike Wagoner

Guests: Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Jay Fischer
Alan Yefko, Chairman of the Open Space Committee
Nathan Cline, Township Engineer
Assistant Township Manager Luke Reven

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

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting. Member Summers made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Member Lindsay. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Ferndale to Community Park Connection

Mr. Reven introduced Nathan Cline, Township Engineer. Mr. Cline reported he visited the site of the future trail today. He further reported some initial impressions of the project:

- The project calls for approximately 600 feet of six foot wide asphalt trail to match the specifications of the trails already in the Community Park.
- No permits from Chester County Conservation District will be required due to the limit of disturbance being less than one acre.
- Township stormwater permit will be required due to net new impervious surface. Infiltration trenches may be used as required to offset new impervious surface.
- No field survey will be required prior to seeking telephone bids.
- As the cost of the trail project will likely be below the Second Class Township Code required advertised competitive bid threshold of approximately \$19,000, estimates would be obtained by Pennoni via telephone quotes from responsible builders.
- The split rail fence as required by the terms of the land acquisition is a separate project, well below bid thresholds can be built by volunteers.
- No Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grants programs are appropriate for this project. The PECO Green Region Grant is appropriate, and Mr. Reven reported the Committee did apply for this grant for the funding cycle due 12/31/2017.

There was discussion about the general layout of the trail—should the path be generally straight or meander across the parcel? There was general consensus that the straightest path was preferable while making slight adjustments to preserve existing trees as required.

There was a discussion of the use of pervious asphalt for this project. It was Mr. Cline's opinion is that this stormwater best management practice (BMP) works best when owner has means to maintain a

much larger area as special equipment such as vacuums are required. Two additional considerations where (1) the risk of sedimentation from adjunct agricultural field may impede the functioning of pervious pavement, and (2) pervious pavement costs more. There was general consensus to proceed with traditional asphalt and utilizing infiltration trenches as needed as the stormwater BMP of choice.

The next steps for this project are:

- Mr. Reven is to locate (if available) trail cross sections for the existing network in the Community Park and forward these to Mr. Cline.
- Mr. Reven is to check if Register Associates placed pins or monuments in as part of their survey work to produce the legal description for land acquisition. If not, he is to ask them to do so as this is needed to layout the trail and the fence.
- Mr. Reven is to research easements on Hopewell HOA portion of trail both on recorded subdivision plans and in any declarations.
- Mr. Reven is to check if PECO Green Region funds (if awarded) can be used retroactively as this may adversely impact construction timeline.
- Mr. Reven is to locate as built plans for the Hopewell Development and forward these to Mr. Cline.
- The Committee felt it was important to involve the property owners on Kristin Circle regarding plans for the project. Mr. Reven will extend invitation to an upcoming meeting.

Vision Partnership Program (VPP) Grant

Mr. Reven reported that the Chester County Planning Commission continues to review the East-West Cycle and Pedestrian Facilities plan. At the conclusion of this step, the three municipalities will consider whether the final plan meets the grant's scope of services.

Non-Agenda Items

There was a brief discussion of the Hopewell HOA Open Space "D" Trail plan. The final report should be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May as discussed in February.

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Luke Reven