

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

East Brandywine Township Building

May 8, 2018 @7:00pm

Members Present: Mike Wagoner (MW), Muriel Kennedy (MK), Ian Plane (IP), Charlie Lindsay (CL), Len Alansky (LA)

Members Absent: David Summers (DS)

Guests: Jay Fischer (JF)

Chairman Wagoner brought the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The April Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted with a motion by MW, seconded by IP.

Ferndale to Community Park connection - Due to the absence of Luke Reven (LR) the Committee was unsure of the status of the project. The Committee discussed targeting the completion of this project by the end of this summer.

ACTION: LR to proceed with obtaining project cost estimate from Pennoni.

East-West Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan - The final presentation of the East-West Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan by McMahon and Associates is scheduled for the Board of Supervisor's meeting on May 17th at 7:30pm. All Committee members are encouraged to attend. MW mentioned that Uwchlan Township is proceeding with the design and development of the trail head at Rt 282 and Dowlin Forge Rd.

MW commented that this Committee needs to seek additional grant funding for design/development/easement purchase. It was noted that it is already too late to request 2018 grants. **ACTION:** The Committee should plan grant requests for the 2019 cycle.

Hopewell HOA "Open Space D" Connection – It was discussed and agreed that this project will not move forward, at least for now, since the HOA believes the owners are overwhelmingly opposed to the trail. Therefore the plans will be "shelved" until such time the environment improves.

Non-Agenda Items – CL raised a concern that PennDot may not allow for East-West trail crossings along Hopewell Road given the heavy traffic flow. MW noted that a full traffic analysis will be part of the design and development phase of the project. It was further noted that the crossings should be permitted but PennDot will place strict signal requirements, e.g., Chester Valley Trail crosses busy roads such as Business Rt 30.

LA mentioned that the home at the southwest corner of N Buck Rd and Hopewell Rd is for sale with the intention to seek an easement from the homeowner before they sell as the current plan has the East-West Trail on their property alongside Hopewell Rd. **ACTION:** MW to request LR to contact property owner to seek easement agreement.

IP asked about a connector/sidewalk along Dilworth Rd between Community Park and Hopewell Rd. JF confirmed that both Dilworth Rd and Hopewell Rd are state roads and have right of ways that may possibly serve as a trail easement but the right of way distances for these roads are not consistent and would have to be researched. Motion was made by MW and seconded by IP to request the cost of a feasibility study for this connector project. **ACTION:** LR to request either Pennoni or McMahon to provide an estimate to conduct a feasibility study for this project. The estimate will be used in the 2019 budget planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Alansky