

GREENWAYS & TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2022

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairperson Shuey. The following Committee members were present: Brendan Lederer, Mike Kocher, Rich Bashore and Barry Ulrich. Judy Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation, was also present.

Re-Organization – Director Houck opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson. *Motion nominating Ms. Shuey as Chairperson was made by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mr. Bashore. Ms. Houck called for additional nominations but none were made. Upon a call for a vote nominating Ms. Shuey as Chairperson, all members present voted affirmatively.*

Courtesy of the Floor – None

Minutes – *Motion to approve the minutes of the December 18th, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Bashore, seconded by Mr. Ulrich. MOTION CARRIED*

Old Business –

Penn State Trail Connection Update – Ms. Houck reviewed the status of this project, displayed several maps of Segments 1 through 3, updated the Committee on recent meetings with Mr. Dawson of Penn State Berks and the Board of Supervisors’ decision to submit Segments 1 and 3 to the Penn State Administrative Offices for their review. The Committee’s discussion included funding for these projects, trail amenities that may be required and pedestrian access across Tulpehocken Road.

Mr. Kocher questioned whether or not a pedestrian crossing could at The Oaks Trail could be combined with the proposed crossing at the Wertz Bridge. Both of these would be considered “mid-block” crossings and will require PennDOT approval even though neither Tulpehocken Road or Old Fritztown Road are state roads.

Mr. Lederer discussed the County’s desire to enhance the pedestrian access at both the Wertz Bridge and the Gring’s Mill Recreation Area. Once approval for these segments is received, Ms. Houck will work closely the County Parks Department on these projects.

Motion made by Mr. Kocher, seconded by Mr. Bashore to endorse the application to Penn State for the development of Segments 1 and 3 of the proposed trails. Upon a call for a vote, all members present voted affirmatively.

The Committee also discussed pedestrian connections from the campus to Broadcasting Square. After viewing Google Earth images, it was discovered that although there are crosswalks available throughout the intersection of Broadcasting Road and Route 222, some of the crosswalks lead to open fields or dead-end at the shoulder of the road. Improvements for pedestrian access at this intersection are included in the proposed “Double Diamond Interchange”. That project, however, is dependent upon the development of the parcel at the southeast corner of the intersection.

New Business – None

Announcements – Next meeting – Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 – 3:30 pm – Township Administration Building.

Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm was made by Mr. Bashore and seconded by Mr. Ulrich. - MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Houck, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation