

Lower Paxton Township Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021

Members in Attendance

Jim Seidler
Susan Landau

Members Absent

Katie Scheib

Also in Attendance

Rachelle Scott, Staff Liaison
Mike Emanuel, Resident

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seidler called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm on the above date in Room 174 of the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg.

MINUTES

Ms. Landau made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting, as amended. Mr. Seidler seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OAK PARK TRAIL

Southern Loop

Members reviewed the article written by Ms. Landau to go in the upcoming Township newsletter. Ms. Landau noted that when this information goes out, people will go and explore it, so she asked if the next newsletter is too soon. Ms. Scott noted the newsletters are released for March/April and then May/June/July. They agreed that the earlier one is fine. Mr. Seidler made a motion to approve the article for publication in the March/April e-newsletter. Ms. Landau seconded the motion and the article will be published as is.

Northern Loop

Mr. Seidler circulated a map of the Township owned land, and it shows where he is proposing the next section of trail. It is difficult to walk and is very overgrown right now. It does stay on the east side of the stream since the other side is steep, wet, and too close to the road. Staying on one side avoids too many crossings. There is a location that walkers will cross the creek coming and going. There is a cable wire that is laying down in the woods, it is not a power line, and it appears to have been there for quite some time, so it might not be active anymore. That may be something that needs corrected before encouraging anyone to walk here.

There are neighbors to this section of Township land. Most of the yards are so steep they even have retaining walls, There are about 2-3 that may be able to see the trail from their yard. It

would be best to invite or inform all of the neighbors. Mr. Seidler will work on clearing some debris during the winter months, but won't get to digging or that kind of work for a while. There are a couple volunteers that are interested in trail work. Mr. Seidler can reach out to them, as well as the Boy Scouts that worked in the southern loop. The northern loop will be more work than the southern loop.

Mr. Emanuel found information that says that any non-navigable waterways are considered private land, meaning no real right-of-way or regulations to worry about when constructing a bridge. There is one at the Montrail land behind East High School that is a good example of what sort of bridge would be needed here. There are other examples in the Township that can be considered too.

Mr. Seidler noted that once both sections are complete there will be a full mile of trail.

Ms. Scott will find contact information for the homes that back up to the trail properties. The Committee can work on a basic notification and invite them to meetings if they have questions or concerns or if they are interested in helping. She will also reach out to the power company about the cable.

WALKING OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE

Mr. Seidler noted the walking brochure will need updated to include Oak Park Trail. Ms. Scott suggested removing Landis Field since the school no longer allows the public in to use the track. On the map, the indicator is close enough that it doesn't need to be moved, and #8 becomes Oak Park and not Landis. They reviewed the difficulty level of each location, and will call Oak Park moderate.

The brochure is on the Township website and available in print at the Township office reception areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 6:55 pm. The next meeting of the Greenway Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 5:45 pm in Room 174 of the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hiner
Recording Secretary