

Lower Paxton Township Greenway Committee

Meeting Notes
February 17, 2021

Members in Attendance

Jim Seidler

Members Absent

Katie Scheib
Susan Landau

Also in Attendance

Rachelle Scott, Staff Liaison
Steve Tambolas
Mike Emanuel

CALL TO ORDER

With no quorum, an official meeting cannot be held, however those in attendance did discuss several items. They gathered at 5:15 pm on the above date in Room 174 of the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg.

MINUTES

No action was taken on meeting minutes.

INTERVIEW

Steven Tambolas was present to be interviewed for the vacancy on the Greenway Committee. He was on the Parks & Rec Board many years ago before moving out of the area. He listed many volunteer and community groups that he is involved in.

OAK PARK TRAIL Northern Loop

Mr. Seidler shared a map showing the proposed trail and identified the homes that have shared boundaries with the Township property. Several homes have back yards where they would see the walkers on the trail, others are separated by a steep slope, one home has encroached into the wooded area over time. Mr. Seidler suggested each one that borders the property should be notified of the work to be done for the northern loop. The majority of the homes are in the next neighborhood on Trudy Road and may not know the Township owns the land or that there is already a trail on the southern loop. Mr. Seidler offered a few edits to the draft letter and asked that a map be sent with it.

Mr. Seidler stated that he is trying to locate the trail in such a way as to avoid the mushy areas and to limit the crossing of the stream to one instance. The part of the creek where the trail will cross is a decent width, so a bridge will need to be designed. He noted he was able to design a bridge for the cross-country trail for East High and a similar design will work at Oak Park. He is hopeful that the supplies to build it will be funded by the CEC.

ARBOR DAY / EARTH DAY

Ms. Scott stated that the Shade Tree Commission will meet at 9am on May 1st for the annual dedication ceremony. Afterwards volunteers will work from 9am-noon on cleaning the streambeds and trail, and planting trees at Brightbill Park. She requested Greenway members to volunteer their time that day for registration at 8:30 am and cleaning up the park from 9:00 to 12:00.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Emanuel stated that a dead dog was found on the trail, and many people are suggesting installation of a trail camera to deter people from illegal activity in the area, or to be able to identify a person doing something there. Ms. Scott asked if he could look into some camera options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 6:00 pm. The next meeting of the Greenway Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 5:15 pm in Room 174 of the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hiner
Recording Secretary