

# **Lower Paxton Township Greenway Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2023

### Members in Attendance

Jim Seidler  
Mike Emanuel  
Jennifer Schultz  
Bill Landefeld

### Members Absent

### Also in Attendance

Rachelle Scott, Staff Liaison  
Albert Banks, Resident

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Seidler called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm on the above date in Room 174 of the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg.

## **MINUTES**

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting. Mr. Emanuel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment offered.

## **OAK PARK NATURE TRAIL**

Mr. Seidler shared the old and the new map of the trail. He adjusted the path again and was able to reduce the number of stream crossings. There are two places for boardwalks. He walked the trail with one of the neighbors who was concerned about how close walkers might be to his and other homes. The neighbor will be able to share what he learned with the other neighbors.

Mr. Seidler stated that the grant was approved for the materials and supplies for the bridges and boardwalks for the trail. Ms. Scott stated that they applied for \$1250 and received \$2000 from the GHAR, Greater Harrisburg Association Realtors. The project needs to be complete by October 2023. Mr. Seidler shared plans for the boardwalk and the bridge.

Mr. Seidler shared photos of boardwalks in Wildwood, and explained a few reasons to not make them the same way. He also shared photos from the bridge at Brightbill Park, and the old East High cross-country bridge. By pulling ideas from each example, he will construct the boardwalks and bridges in a fashion that avoids rotting and will last about 20-30 years. He is hoping to use concrete footers and oak planks, and to fasten the bolts from the bottom up so that there is no pooling of water at the bolts. The concrete will allow the wood to sit up a little bit so

there is air space below to prevent rotting. Railings will be installed for extra support, in a way to avoid rot and to provide the most stability.

Mr. Banks asked if there are requirements for the width of the trail, and Ms. Scott noted that this is a nature trail, and the stream is non-navigable so it is not required to be ADA compliant nor are permits required for the stream crossings. Mr. Seidler added that he would like it to be 3 to 3.5 feet wide so that two people could pass safely. He will mainly construct the boardwalks and bridges himself, with the help of volunteers.

### **INTERVIEW WITH ALBERT BANKS**

Mr. Albert Banks was in attendance to meet with the Greenway Committee members about becoming a member. The Committee interviewed him briefly.

Mr. Seidler made a motion to recommend the Supervisors appoint Mr. Banks to the Greenway Committee. Mr. Landefeld seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Ms. Scott will draft a memo to the Board of Supervisors advising them of the recommendation.

### **TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAYS**

The next date set for maintenance at Oak Park is February 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm. Brush clearing and some heavier work can be done weather permitting. Mr. Seidler will communicate via text if there is bad weather or a reason to make a change.

Ms. Scott will advertise for the fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11 am, for general trail maintenance, starting in March. The locations can be determined as it gets closer.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no additional business to discuss.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 6:15 pm. The next meeting of the Greenway Committee is scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2023, at 5:15 pm in Room 174 of the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hiner  
Recording Secretary