

Lower Paxton Township Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

Members in Attendance

Jim Seidler
Mike Emanuel
Jennifer Schultz
Bill Landefeld
Albert Banks

Members Absent

Also in Attendance

Rachelle Scott, Staff Liaison
Margaret Parsons, GHAR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seidler called the meeting to order at 5:22 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 January 18, 2023 meeting. Mr. Emanuel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

OAK PARK NATURE TRAIL

GHAR Grant

Mr. Seidler stated that several people from the Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors volunteered their time at the Oak Park Nature Trail recently. Tim Baughman from the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club also volunteered that day.

Ms. Margaret Parsons stated that the National Association of Realtors makes funding available to the local associations, so they were awarded a grant to use, and they are required to volunteer on the project that they award the grant to. They also have realtor volunteer days in June, so she would like to involve their group in another workday at the trail, in addition to other days if possible.

She was able to clarify the requirements of the grant, so that Mr. Seidler can make sure that he gets all receipts to Rachelle who can coordinate payments with Ms. Parsons. Mr. Seidler can submit receipts as he makes purchases, and the bridge/boardwalk work will be done this summer. If the entire trail isn't complete, that will not affect the grant.

Mr. Seidler will begin construction of the items at home, and then ask for help to move it to the trail area to be put in place.

Members thanked the GHAR group of volunteers for their work on the trail.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAYS

Monthly Trail Maintenance

There are several parks with trails that take periodic maintenance so the Township Parks and Recreation has set a recurring schedule for monthly maintenance so that the public can get more involved in the work on the trails. A representative of the Greenway Committee needs to be present to guide any volunteers that attend.

The Greenway Committee would like to work at Kohl Park, Kohl/Lingle Parks, Forest Hills Park, Hocker Park, and the Oak Park Trail.

Ms. Scott will advertise for the fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11 am, for general trail maintenance, starting in March. The dates and locations are as follows:

March 25, 2023:	Kohl Park
April 22, 2023:	Oak
May 27, 2023:	Kohl
June 24, 2023:	Oak

Oak Park Trail Work

In addition to the work days above, Mr. Seidler will be at Oak Park to work on the trail roughly every other Friday. If other members are available, they are encouraged to join in. 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.

The next few dates set for maintenance at Oak Park are:

February 17 th	from 2-4 pm
March 3 rd	from 2-4pm
March 24 th	from 2-4pm

Mr. Banks asked how the trash is removed once it is bagged or gathered up. Ms. Scott answered that Public Works will pick it up, especially the larger items that are pulled out.

LAMPLIGHT PARK PATHWAY PAVING

Mr. Seidler stated that there is an unofficial connection between Lamplight and George Parks. Neighbors have been going between the parks for years, and even pulled the fence back to make a path. That connection is planned to be paved this spring but it is steep and will need grading.

Ms. Scott added that the full path around Lamplight is shown on the diagram, and the Township will need to decide which portion or how much of the trail can be completed initially. The connection between the parks will be done first to have it ready in time for the Arts and Parks 5k. Either the western half or the eastern half can probably be completed this year too, but it hasn't been decided which and it may depend on the site grading that is needed to keep the pathway ADA compliant. The west half is what people use to access George Park from the Meadowbrook neighborhood, and the east half will connect George Park parking lot to the playground, pavilion and portable restroom.

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