

**Lower Paxton Township
Greenway Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023**

Members in Attendance

Jim Seidler
Mike Emanuel
Jennifer Schultz
Albert Banks

Members Absent

Bill Landefeld

Also in Attendance

Rachelle Scott, Staff Liaison
Rachael Losiewicz
Margaret Parsons, GHAR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seidler called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 May 17, 2023 meeting. Mr. Emanuel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

OAK PARK NATURE TRAIL

Grant Details

Ms. Parsons stated that when the bridge and boardwalks are complete, she would like photos and receipts to show the totals. Ms. Scott noted some of them have refunds or exchanges on them, but Ms. Parsons said it should be fine. A ribbon cutting isn't required, but they need to be involved in volunteering at the workdays and attendance at meetings. A dedication ceremony or grand opening or ribbon cutting would be great, and they would like to be present for it, but it isn't required. October 6th is the tentative date for the dedication of the Oak Park Trail.

General Discussion

Mr. Seidler stated the bridge is done and is ready for a coat of sealant.

The SATC brought in 3 tons of giant rocks in for the stream crossing and the steps from the roadway down to the trail creating a second access point.

The workday scheduled for June 9th is postponed to June 16th because of the air quality.

There are free pavers, 2'x2'x2", that might be useful as a step down from the bridge. There is a lot of clearing that needs to be done near where the cable was. The SATC wants to dig some steps into the far southern end of the trail where it is a little steeper than the rest of the trail. They can access it from the cemetery.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAYS

Monthly Trail Maintenance

Ms. Scott has advertised for the fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11 am, for general trail maintenance. The upcoming dates and locations are as follows

June 24, 2023	Oak Park Trail, (No Jim, Mike will Lead)
(None in July)	
August 26, 2023:	Oak Park Trail
September 23, 2023:	Oak Park Trail

These dates are open for the public to come out to help.

The most recent date Jim and Mike met a volunteer at Kohl Park to do some clearing. Mike was able to return and do more clearing.

NEW MEMBER INTERVIEW

Rachel Ms. Losiewicz

Mr. Emanuel made a motion to recommend appointment of Rachel Losiewicz to the Greenway Committee. Ms. Scott will send the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other Trail Possibilities

Ms. Scott asked the members to think about if there are any other locations the committee can work on a trail once Oak Park is done.

Mr. Seidler suggested the walkway that Mr. Banks suggested from Hodges Heights Park along Fairfax Drive bordering the landfill property. Ms. Schultz suggested a trail along the creek beside Nyes Road. Mr. Seidler noted that this was a place that was explored at one time with Brian Luetchford, and at that time it was not possible. But now that the committee is more knowledgeable there could be ways to get a trail that wouldn't need the level of engineering that it was thought to need back then. Ms. Schultz also suggested looking at Blue Meadows Farm and the walkways within that neighborhood.

Walking Opportunities Brochure

This handout will need to be updated. Ms. Scott noted that the GIS tech for the Township is working on all assets for Township including trails and parks. Their work could be tied into the Walking Opps. There is a lot that can be done with the technology added in, and the members are happy to help with things like photos and things for the GIS system.

Missing Sidewalk Connections

Mr. Seidler stated that there is a map showing the locations where there are missing links in the sidewalks. This was a useful tool for the Planning Commission so when they saw a development proposed they are advised of a need for sidewalks.

Other Committees Ms. Schultz stated she would be interested in going to the Planning Commission to stay up to date on subdivisions and land developments. In the past, Roy Newsome and Jeff Kline were on both the Greenway Committee and the Planning Commission. Ms. Scott noted that even if she wasn't on the Planning Commission, she could attend and take notes, offer comments related to walking paths or connections. If she wouldn't be available to attend, she could even read the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 6:32 pm. The next meeting of the Greenway Committee is scheduled for Wednesday July 19, 2023, at 5:15 pm in Room 174 of the Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hiner
Recording Secretary