

MINUTES

KENNETT TOWNSHIP SIDEWALK & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 7, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Kennett Township Building

Public Meeting Room

Roll Call:

- Michael Bontrager, Chair, Kennett Trails Alliance
- Tim Peterson, Vice-Chair, LCAC liaison (Resident) (Absent)
- Tom Janton
- Abbie Kessler, TLC liaison
- Rudy Karkosak, Planning Commission liaison (Resident)
- Tim Plemmons (Absent)
- Diane McGovern, Community Volunteer (Resident)

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- 2020 Committee members
 - Mike Bontrager confirmed that Tim Plemmons was appointed by the Board of Supervisors through 2024
 - Election of Committee Chairman for 2020
 - Mike Bontrager offered to be the Committee Chair for 2020. There were no objections.
 - Mike Bontrager introduced Christina Norland as the new director of Kennett Trails Alliance.
 - Eden Ratliff commented on potential impacts of the DA allegations on TSC/Kennett Greenway future noting the biggest hurdle is to move forward with projects by getting public buy in.
 - Mike Bontrager gave an update on the update Database/Glossary/Directory and strategy document Projects noting that the KTA team is still working on this.
 - Amy Lutsko of Penn Trails presented that final draft of the Kennett Greenway Master Plan document. Committee members were asked to forward any final comments to Amy. Discussion regarding how the final document will communicate costs of the trails will be included. Ratliff reported that the staff will work on this prior to presenting to the board of supervisors. Bontrager noted the next steps would be for adoption by the Board of Supervisors, this will be added to a future public meeting agenda.
 - Diane Hicks noted that there is one section of the proposed ordinance changes that she still needs to review and then will send back to the committee for one final pass before presenting to the Planning Commission(s) for input.

- Discussions regarding the Magnolia parcel and railroad undercrossing ensued. It was noted that this is an important piece of the greenway. Amy Heinrich and Eden Ratliff commented that spending \$15k for planning is risky to the Township if the project is not able to move forward. Mike Bontrager noted that Kennett Trails Alliance will back the project and reimburse the Township if it is found that the project is not feasible.
- Michael OBrien noted that plans for the Rt. 1/82/Cedarcroft intersection improvements have been resubmitted to PennDOT for review and now have a crosswalk design on the plan. The crosswalk would not likely be implemented until there are trail connections but now was the time to have the crosswalk added.
- Rudy Karkosak presented updates from the Planning Commission noting that the Planning Commission received plans from Kennett Gateway which is proposed at E. Cypress Street and Ways lane. It was also noted that Parkside (N. Walnut) is still on the table and should be on the committees radar.
- Michael O'Brien presented Parcel Level Updates for the Projects covered by the \$1.7m grant:
 - Chandler Mill Trail
 - Penns Manor
 - West South Street
 - Chandler Mill Bridge
 - Parrish Trail South

Next Meeting: February 11, 2019 at 1PM.