

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Trails and Sidewalks Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Committee members:

Christina Norland
Tom Janton
Rudy Karkosak
Diane McGovern
Abbie Kessler

Township Representatives:

Eden Ratliff
Gretchen Flack

Trail Consultants:

Jennifer Dowdell - Biohabitats
Michelle Adams – Unknown Studios

Public:

Peter Doehring

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- Election of New Chairperson (Eden Ratliff)
 - Christina Norland elected as Chair (3 in favor, 1 abstention, 1 opposed)
 - Ongoing Trail Work
 - Magnolia Underpass (Meliora)
 - Meliora presented two versions of the conceptual design for the Magnolia underpass.
 - Mike Pia prefers the design that went straight out into the property owned by Kennett Business Park LP because of his future development.
 - Conceptual design will be used to support 2020 MTF Grant Application by Kennett Township, if approved by the Board of Supervisors at its 9/16/20 meeting.
 - Review Trail Consultant Proposals (Christina Norland)
 - Task Order #3: Due Diligence Review was approved by BOS in order to proceed with design and construction of trails pursuant to the 2017 CFA MTF Grant. Expenditures under the grant are due June 30, 2020.
 - Task Order #5: Community Engagement
 - Proposal was reviewed & committee voted in favor to take to BOS (4 in favor, 1 abstention).
 - Financing (Christina Norland)

- Recommendation to apply for 2020 CFA MTF Grant in collaboration with Kennett Borough
 - Project overview, financials & community support reviewed
 - Diane McGovern mentioned the high cost and wanted to understand what other non-trails projects at the Township level would not be funded
 - Committee recommended BOS approve resolution to apply for 2020 CFA MTF Grant (4 in favor, 1 opposed)
- Preliminary Discussion of Township Budgeting for 2021
 - Eden explained the budget process
- Regional Connections
 - Brandywine Battlefield Interpretative Plan (Diane McGovern)
 - Sponsored by 7 townships and led by Brandywine Conservancy. Potential for regional and local trail connections with Kennett Township. Diane to present details to the committee as the plan progresses.
- Bike Connections
 - Greenwood to McFarland Bike Route (Peter Doehring & Josie Marsh)
 - Peter presented the following plan:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MQsxxvOOESQ>
 - Current status of Ways Lane may be a barrier to immediate development
 - Christina suggested this route be presented to the Regional Trails Committee for further regional discussion.
- Upcoming Events (Christina Norland)
 - Chandler Mill Bridge Ribbon Cutting Celebration to be held 10/2 & 10/3
 - Audubon Bird Garden Planting to be held 9/19
 - Cypress Street Bridge mural collaboration in progress w/ KACSD
- Land Development Updates
 - Mitchell Property (f/k/a Smith property). Final approval will most likely be in October.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2020 at 1pm.