

**KENNETT TOWNSHIP**  
**TRAILS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE**

May 2, 2023 Minutes

Held in the Township Meeting Room. Agenda posted 4/28/23.

**Present:**

Committee Members:

Rudy Karkosak, Chair  
Christina Norland  
Abbie Kessler  
Diane McGovern

Guests:

Sam Stanton, New Garden PC

Township Representatives:

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Mr. Karkosak called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. April meeting was canceled.

**Administration:**

- No additions to the agenda.
- Mr. Karkosak called for the approval of the February minutes. With no comments, Ms. Norland motioned for approval with Ms. McGovern seconding and all in favor.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Trail Segment Updates:**

- Chandler Mill Greenway-
  - Chester County Conservation District issued the NPDES permit, which includes stormwater management, but the joint permit is still pending with DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers.
  - GTRP and CFA grants not received so must spend the open grants to get other funding in the future. Phasing plans are in the works to spend the ~\$1.6 million of funds, including match.
  - Most recent cost estimate for Oriole Dr to Hillendale (most likely first segment) was just shy of \$1 million. Expect those costs to be slightly higher now.

**Regional Trail Priorities:**

- Planning Kennett Connections Project
  - Presented details of the final draft to the supervisors by Natasha Manbeck from McMahon Associates. Hamorton community most concerned about the crossing at 52 and 1 onto Longwood property. There are possible options about new connection possibilities with Longwood.
  - Peter Doehring had asked at the presentation about funding and when funding could be needed. This project has lots of potential for private funding.

- Consultants identified nine different catalyst projects at various stages of feasibility/implementation.

**Land Development Updates:**

- Parkside: Reviewed the new plans as spring 2023 submission.
  - Committee suggests only keeping the northern crosswalk into the Park and having a 10' multipurpose trail run down the property front and across the neighboring property to the south to create a direct trail connection to the Anson B. Nixon entrance.
- Has to go through both conditional use and land development process.
  - The suggested trail across the northern property line has not been discussed.
  - Dog park is only accessible via stairs. Not good.
  - Grass path should connect around to something in the corner or a trail across the top.
  - Possibly ask for a right-of-way along the north side if needed in the future for a trail within the PennDOT ROW.
  - Ensure that the grass and multipurpose frontage trails are publicly accessible.

**New Business:**

- Ms. McGovern commented that they didn't mow the third meadow loop at Barkingfield.

**Land Acquisition Updates:** Discussed in executive session.

Mr. Stanton thanked the committee and commented on some trail and sidewalks plans in New Garden with the goals to connect to Kennett in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Next meeting to be held June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbie Kessler, Secretary