

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

June 6, 2023 Minutes

Held in the Township Meeting Room. Agenda posted 6/2/23.

**Present:**

Committee Members:

Rudy Karkosak, Chair  
Christina Norland  
Abbie Kessler  
Tom Janton (via cell)  
Diane McGovern

Guests:

John Gaadt, KAPA  
John Wilkens

Township Representatives:

Ted Otteni

Mr. Karkosak called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

**Administration:**

- Mr. Karkosak called for the approval of the May minutes. With no comments, Ms. Norland motioned for approval with Mr. Karkosak seconding and all in favor.
- Kassandra noted to Mr. Karkosak that we can go back to zoom or offer zoom starting in July if we desire as they hash out the technical issues. Everyone is ok with hybrid for public access.
- July meeting is scheduled for the 4th and will be reviewed at the end of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Trail Segment Updates:**

- Connections to Anson B. Nixon-
  - Mr. Gaadt represents Kennett Area Park Authority that owns Anson B. Nixon to discuss all possible connections.
  - Ongoing issue with the Flats issue as residents try to cross from their entrance drive. Ideal connection was through Hazel Ave to the pedestrian entrance. Landowners with the connection are not interested.
    - Cordivano parcel next best option and Mr. Cordivano is amenable to granting a trail easement. McMahon sight distance calculations show some deficit to the south and west, but possible to fix with vegetation management and some bank grading per Mr. Otteni.
    - Note that Anson B. Nixon prefers to avoid asphalt trails due to runoff and to only use them where appropriate. They also prefer to restrict impervious coverage as much as possible and an asphalt trail is a commitment.
    - A discussion took place regarding differing opinions as to what trail surface is more durable. Mr. Otteni stated that he considers paved trails more durable and compatible for ADA users, especially wheelchairs. Mr. Gaadt noted that he

- has found that asphalt requires just as much if not more maintenance than their gravel trails in ABN.
    - Mr. Otteni also noted that gravel trails are nearly as impervious as asphalt, are considered impervious from a permitting standpoint and can be a contributor of additional sediment in waterways during heavy rains and flooding.
  - Parkside: reviewed our recommendations with Mr. Gaadt regarding the connections to Anson B. Nixon.
    - How would a trail crossing work with the proposed Cordivano parcel crossing? Would probably be easier to add a crosswalk on both sides of the entrance rather than cross the culvert if the Parkside developer would secure a multi-use path down the entire front of their parcel and across the parcel to the south.
      - If two, possible to pull the Parkside crosswalk a little to the north to connect straight across to the Anson B. Nixon trail running parallel to Walnut where practical.
    - The Borough is doing sidewalk on Walnut and creating a three way stop intersection with Hazel for the existing neighborhood residents to access the pedestrian entrance.
- Chandler Mill Greenway-
  - Waiting on DEP permits due to a new endangered species (a bat). Also changes to mitigation rules and so some of the calculations have to be redone to determine whether the Township has to do mitigation on the wetlands.
  - Next step is to phase the project reflecting the funding received. Will most likely start with Hillendale and the existing trail down to Oriole. Possibly also do the BRC portion to the planned overlook.
  - Mr. Wilkens suggested doing a pervious surface like the BRC parking lot at Chandler Mill to be both ADA compliant and pervious.

#### **Regional Trail Priorities:**

- Planning Kennett Connections Project
  - Comment period on draft final report open through 6/16/23. Ms. Manbeck with McMahan will be at the Borough meeting tomorrow for questions.
  - Hamorton Woods has concerns and there is a potential that they may be invited to a meeting so we know their concerns, but possible their concerns are not relevant to this committee so will confirm.

#### **Land Development Updates:**

- Parkside: Not on the next PC agenda. Reviewed the notes provided to the Planning Commission based on the May meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Ms. McGovern asked about the Schutt parcel. The committee will do a site visit in July with no official meeting due to the holiday.

**Land Acquisition Updates:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Next meeting to be held August 1 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbie Kessler, Secretary