**Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016**

1. **Call to Order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provisions**: Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. **Introduction/roll call**: Present: Nancy Cole, Fran Varacalli, Anne-Marie Orlusky, Pat Leonard, Mark Fortin, Jim Kuligowski, Vanessa Jones, Dana Oley. Absent: Jack Connolly, Phil Kramer.
3. **Approval of the July 13 meeting minutes**: Motion to approve minutes made by Kuligowski, seconded by Fortin. All members in favor (Oley abstained). Motion passed.
4. **Photo Contest Awards**: 2016 Winners were announced and awards given.
5. **Opening of the meeting to the public**: Motion made to open by Orlusky, seconded by Fortin. All members in favor. Motion passed. Kuligowski made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Motion seconded by Orlusky.
6. **New Business**:
   1. Franklin Day – Saturday Sep 24. Discussion of TAC table coverage.
   2. Eagle Scout Project update – Jeffrey Kinghorn established two native grassland beds with signs for demonstration at Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve.
   3. Kulley Property Trails - ~46 acres acquired. Committee members reviewed map and discussed committee trip to tour the property and assess suitability for trails. Varacalli to confirm if notice to public is needed and to send email with potential dates.
   4. Discover the Forest – Committee members will review campaign online and topic will be added to November meeting Agenda.
7. **Old Business**:
   1. Township Hunting Program - Update and discussion on Open Space motion made to close Negri-Nepote and Griggstown Native Grasslands Preserves to the public (non-hunters) during Season 3B (Monday through Saturday). Leonard moved to make a recommendation to open Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve and Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve to public (non-hunter) access during Season 3B either: 1) until 1:30 PM (as per previous seasons), or 2) 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM (with hunters allowed before 9:30 AM or after 1:30 PM). Motion seconded by Oley. Five members in favor, two members opposed. Motion passed.
   2. CanalFest – Saturday, Oct 15 – Discussion of trails table coverage and rain dates.
   3. Things to do Map – Committee members reviewed new map and provided feedback regarding addition of tags, picture labeling, etc.
   4. Videos of trails – Discussion of self-video tours of trails/trailheads. On list as a potential Eagle Scout project, will leave on Agenda for November meeting
   5. Video Cameras on trails – Discussion of location, IT selection, DPW installation, and police monitoring.
   6. Trail Maintenance updates – Griggstown Grasslands brown trail in good condition. Tree down on orange trail.
   7. Committee Vacancy – Discussion with Kramer (via phone). Varacalli to follow up with clerk to obtain application/resume(s) for Committee review. Once obtained, Committee to review and potentially make recommendation.
8. **Adjournment**: Fortin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cole. All members in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.