

**Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

1. **Call to Order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provisions:** Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Introduction/roll call:** Present: Nancy Cole, Jack Connolly, Fran Varacalli, Anne-Marie Orlusky, Jim Kuligowski, Vanessa Jones and Dana Oley. Absent: Mark Fortin, Phil Kramer and Pat Leonard.
3. **Approval of the September 14th meeting minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Oley, seconded by Connolly. All members in favor. Motion passed.
4. **Opening of the meeting to the public:** No public in attendance.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Photo contest 2017. Oley made a motion to continue the contest in 2017. Connolly seconded and the motion passed. This issue needs to be discussed and voted on earlier, at our July meeting so that information to promote the contest can be posted in the township newsletter and other social media.

Cole discussed having a children's age 12 and under category. Varacalli to check with the superintendent to see if info can be distributed electronically through the schools. The information can also be posted on the town website, at the library and other social media.

Other uses for contest photos: Post photos on local cable Franklin station (channel 29 on Comcast). Committee members were asked to check #discoveryourplace for ideas and also maybe develop a #Franklin trails site.

A suggestion was made to post trail photos in our meeting room, maybe at the trail kiosks and in the library.
 - b. Eagle Scout Project update –A scout wants to build benches on the new Middlebush Park trails
 - c. Kulley Property Trails – Walk on the property for Sunday is postponed. D&R Greenway was given a drone flyover of the property with a marker indicating where you are on the property. Fran will forward the link.
 - d. Discover the Forest – Website where you can find a park near you. Google “discover the forest” for information. This is Phil Kramer’s project.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Township Hunting Program – The Trails committee September vote was presented to Open Space at their September meeting. Open Space committee presented the suggestion to completely close public access during the 67 permitted hunting days. Council agreed and voted to close public access during the hunting days.
 - b. Recruitment-Trails Advisory Committee members. Township clerk wrote Fran that no new appointments will be made until after January 1st. It is not really the committee’s job to be involved in recruiting members. However, committee members who know of anyone interested should have them fill out the application on the township website and submit to the township clerk and Nancy Cole, the committee chair.
 - c. Every Kid in a Park Program- Franklin Twp. BOE and Bunker Hill Environmental Center. There is a naturalist living at the Environmental Center and the district started bringing students to the center for environmental education so there is no need at this time to do any additional programing.
 - d. Things to do Map – Fran is getting pricing from IT. The Millstone Scenic Byway was added to the map. Jones suggested cross posting the map on the township website. Mayor Kramer to add a “Welcome to Franklin” paragraph to the map.
 - e. Walks at Bunker Hill & Butler Road Sunday Sept. 18th and Sunday, Oct. 16th. Very successful. 7 people attended the Butler Road walk. We should continue this next fall.

- f. Trail Committee table at Twp. Events update. The committee set up at Franklin Day and Canalfest. Orlusky thanked Jones for her extraordinary work in getting people to the tables.
 - g. Videos of trails-update: Committee members can take videos or photos and forward to Fran for posting on the township website.
 - h. Video Cameras on trails –The Township IT department is still determining details of installations.
 - i. Trail Maintenance updates –Vanessa said there are trail signs down at Franklin Park and Bunker Hill. There is also a bench missing.
7. Reports from other Committees: No reports
8. Announcements:
- a. Reminder: Saturday, November 12th at 10 a.m. Orange Trail Renaming Ceremony for John Stephen Clyde at Griggstown Native Grassland.
9. **Adjournment:** Connolly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Orlusky. All members in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.