

**Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

1. Nancy Cole called the meeting to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision at 7:06p.m.
2. Present: Nancy Cole, S. Dana Oley, Dom Abbatiello, Pat Leonard, Jim Kuligowski, Chris Kelly, Patti Sofran, Phil Kramer & Fran Varacalli. Absent: Jack Connolly, Mark Fortin.
3. Approval of the January 8, 2014 minutes: P. Sofran called for a motion to approve the meetings, seconded by P. Leonard. 8 in favor & 1 abstention.
4. Opening of the meeting to the public: As no one from the public was in attendance the meeting remained closed.
5. New business - F. Varacalli reported:
 - a. Volunteer Day at Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 9-12.
 - b. Dates and details about the Open Space walks scheduled for 2014 will be posted on the township website.
 - c. The committee agreed it would be a good idea to install metal parking signs at various trail parking lots which state "Trails are open from Dawn to Dusk". The signs will include an ordinance number.
 - d. A nature walk for the Boy Scouts was requested.
6. Old business
 - a. June 7 National Trails Day Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve - N. Cole, P. Sofran reported: Some suggestions included landscape photography tips, hula hooping, and birdwatching. C. Kelly offered to lead a guided dog walk. N. Cole, D.Oley, and P. Sofran to confirm activities and finalize promotional flier.
 - b. North South Trail update – F. Varacalli reported the State requested information that she is responding to.
 - c. Canal Road Walk & Roll: F. Varacalli to draft flier. It was suggested to post signs at various locations such as municipal complex, libraries, and Canal Road. N. Cole, P. Sofran, and D. Oley offered to distribute signs.
 - d. Trail Maintenance update:
 - i. Butler Road – Bike rack & bench to be installed as an Eagle Scout project. D. Oley reported down trees, trails hard to find, and signs are difficult to follow. An April cleanup to be scheduled.
7. Announcements:
 - a. CanalFest has been scheduled for 10/18 rain date 10/19
 - b. The County purchased Skillman Village a few years ago (off Great Road), and is breaking ground for a perimeter path.
 - c. Trails table at Middlebush Park – April – June 14th. F. Varacalli to circulate a schedule.
8. Adjournment: At 8:30p D. Abbatiello motion to adjourn seconded by C.Kelly, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Sofran, Secretary