

**Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**7:00 Pm**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to order in accordance with the Sunshine Law provision.
2. Introductions/roll call  
Present: Nancy Cole, Jack Connolly, Vanessa Jones, Councilman Phil Kramer, Jim Kuligowski, Pat Leonard, Fran Varacelli, Dana Oley, Mayor Chris Kelly, former member John Clyde  
Excused: Mark Fortin
3. Approval of the May 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 minutes
  - a. Motion made by J. Connolly, seconded by P. Leonard to accept minutes.
  - b. Motion approved with one abstention, D. Oley
4. Opening of the meeting to the public
  - a. Motion made by J. Connolly, seconded by N. Cole motion passed.
  - b. No public comment, motion to close the meeting to the public made by J. Connolly, seconded by D. Oley, motion passed.
5. Old Business
  - a. N. Cole updated the Committee about National Trails Day at Inman Park, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Trails Committee partnered with Robert Wood Johnson who provided snacks and led a warm up activity. Trail walk led by Councilman P. Kramer. There was also a hula hoop demo.  
Discussion ensued regarding publicity. Councilman P. Kramer discussed Township events calendar, and greater efforts to publicize on the website. Discussed advertising events using banners. F. Varacalli reported that 8x16 full color banners were expensive. Five banners were \$3, 500, ten for \$6,800. Lawn signs measuring 24x18 were \$185 for 30. F. Varacalli reported on what is being done townwide for advertising events. F. Varacalli will explore advertising through townships schools. C. Kelly will ask school superintendent about event publicity possibilities. Group discussion about placing lawn signs on trail heads. V. Jones made a Motion to explore feasibility of putting signs at trail heads. Motion seconded by D. Oley.  
Motion passed.  
F. Varacalli will explore options for wordings on signs.
  - b. Catalpa Park Public Hearing summary given by Councilman P. Kramer. N. Cole gave testimony citing the recommendation of Trails Advisory Committee at the public hearing.
  - c. N. Cole proposed a Butler Road cleanup for Saturday September 26 at 9:30 am. Committee members agreed to the date.
  - d. Trail Maintains updates  
F. Varacalli reported that summer help was mowing, weeding and picking up garbage. Benches were fixed at Bunker Hill. Propane tanks found in the woods will be removed. Boardwalks will be repaired. Regarding the bike racks that were vandalized, F. Varacalli Stated that a police report was filed. Going forward all vandalism will be reported to the Police Department.
  - e. F. Varacalli reported on security cameras. She saw a demo by a company rep on Friday. Cameras on poles, bullet proof, can take digital pictures day or night and be loaded onto a laptop.

- f. V. Jones reported that she did find the proposed trail tags all over the cliff area. She took video and will send to F. Varacalli. General discussion about the trail through Catalpa Park. V. Jones reported that the trail post for the Bunker Hill Natural Area was overgrown and fallen over.
6. New Business
- a. N. Cole reported that there is another potential member for the Trails Advisory Committee. Councilman P. Kramer stated that the Town Council needs to approve the appointment and that it is pending.
  - b. Canal Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Committee unanimously agreed to have a table at Canal Fest.
  - c. Franklin Day is September 19 at Colonial Park. Discussion ensued as to whether or not we should have a table, and how to organize Trail materials so we have them ready for events. Committee approved to set up an informational table at Franklin Day. V. Jones volunteered to lead a hike. F. Varacalli will check into liability issues and will get back to Vanessa and committee members.
  - d. Photo entries for this year's Trails calendar were reviewed and selections made representing each trail. Before selections were made there was a review of contest rules for submitting photographs. After very careful deliberations of over 50 entries, winners for each trail were chosen. Of the finalists for each trail, one was chosen for the cover of the trail calendar. Acknowledgement was given to F. Varacalli for organizing this effort. Next year will include a prize for those who submit for each trail.
7. Motion to adjourn made by J. Connolly, seconded by D. Oley. All in agreement, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anne-Marie Orlusky