

February 15,

Board Members:

Laura Miller
Tina Skinner
John Bickhart

Staff:

Robert Weer

Guests:

Mike Shiring, attorney
Jared Bookhamer, architect
Dan Meier, Engineer
Donna Archer, AG Charter CFO

Patrick Joyce, representing tree committee.

1. Call to order, 7pm

2. Approval of agenda

3. Recognition of guests

Mike sharing, land use attorney, on behalf of AG Charter School expansion
Dan Meier, engineer working with the school for about 15 years with
Jared Bookhamer, also working on this project.

AG Charter School State Road Expansion to add an academic building and eliminate some trailers. Overview with a 1955-70s building. Modular units on the side of the building and one in the back set to be removed. A new academic building, a synthetic turf field with a large stormwater management system underneath. A gravel area in the back will be cleaned up. Much of the existing buildings drainage that goes into a neighborhood behind it, and this project will capture this water and redirect it. A grass quad area will be created between the two buildings.

Mike said they wanted to talk about the trail aspect, and a letter from Ron Reagan of the township, where the BOS has advised the team to talk to Parks and Rec about a trail aspect consideration. A proposed corridor runs through the property, but from a safety perspective this raises concerns and the planning commission agreed. Based on average speed of vehicles on the road, and the low numbers of people who cross the road, creating crossing for a trail connection on the school side doesn't meet PennDOT criteria.

Board agreed that school cannot put a trail in on their side. Township could try to get an easement from property owner on south side of State Road facing the school, and if not possible, a fee in lieu of as determined by the BOS.

4. Approval of minutes for Jan. 18th

5. Park Report:

Robert Weer said in the saga of Scout ownership of garden beds, Troop 191 built raised beds and used them to grow food to donate. The troop project is now dissolved. There are no lifetime rights.

Tina said there are some holes in the dog park.

6. Old Business

Community Day. No new sponsors. We need to create a process for collecting fees and have checks written to the 501c3 London Grove Friends of the Park. Tina to talk to all members.

Volunteer day Saturday. Casey will contact Tina and John about where to meet for vine removal.

Park Trail Assessment discussion: Bob Weer said with regard to **Husband's Run**, if public works does it, it will be cut, blacktopped, and be finished in compliance with Natural Lands study, and paved to eliminate maintenance. It is too difficult for an eagle scout to construct. John Bickhart expressed concern about impact to roots of the existing trees and wetlands. Township feels bog bridges are difficult to maintain and slippery in wet conditions. John expressed concern that the project would disturb classified wetlands. Weer said it has not been designated wetlands and the ultimate goal is to create a trail that needs no maintenance, to get the job done with a bridge equipment can get across. Weer said that they hope to get a new bridge soon. Laura asked that Natural Lands be invited to offer other suggestions. John talked about **item 7** on memo as a needed fix to road flooding. That would be an easy volunteer day project if approved — one Saturday for a couple of hours.

Item 8 Weer said more information is on the website.

John asked that the staff reconsider the **Swede's Way** entrance trail—a trough is being created, and John asked if an outflow could be created by volunteers using hand tools to allow water to seep out of the trough. It's a temporary fix.

Weer said he would go back and look at those three items.

Goddard Memorial Garden Letter was written and approved, expressing committee's concern with lack of progress. It went in BOS packets for meeting last week. And was discussed at 501c3 meeting too. Dave Connors offered to do a conceptual plan and work with Shane. Since then the landscape architect has responded that they are working on it.

Scout Project. We have a new scout ready for a project. Bob Weer recommended that the Scout come up with a project. Bob said the township will take care of the Scout project.

7. New Business

Spring Newsletter article: Audrey can write about Volunteer Days
501c3 meeting

Historic well on the Goddard Property.

Avon Grove Charter School: project to identify historic images in township building.

Patrick Joyce,

A need to identify place to plant trees, funded by state.

Audrey provided a bluebird box template for 4-H kids