

West Vincent Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 6, 2017 11:00 AM

Attendance: Chairman John Jacobs, Vice Chairman David Brown, Member Michael Schneider, Township Engineer Bryan Kulakowsky, Township Manager Erica Batdorf, Mark Hughes, Road Foreman, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the Fox Hollow Subdivision Trail.

The Board met with residents and hiked the trail to determine what could be done to make it accessible. The trail is in a 10' wide easement and the Fox Hollow HOA does not want to give any permissions to the Township for access since they do not want the trail. All work must be done in the 10' wide easement, which, given the site conditions will be tricky. This is a Township trail, dedicated in November 2016. It surrounds the subdivision and is approximately 2.5 miles with mostly rough terrain meant to be pedestrian/equestrian.

As the hike went through, issues were pointed out by the Township Engineer, Road Foreman and resident Bill Holderness, 958 Jaine Lane who has experience in trails. The trail entrance will be at the beginning of Veronica Drive through the easement. A Township rules sign will be posted here. The Township also will need to blaze the trail. Currently it has posts at the turns. These can be blazed with the Township Blaze and the remaining blazes will be standard trail markings.

It was decided that no trees will be cut down to make it an easier trail. It is a massive project, but the Public Works Department should be able to handle the work. No tractors will be necessary, it will all be done by hand. Ms. Batdorf stated that staff needs to know that moving forward, the Board will support the efforts to clear a path due to the issues of the HOA. A bridge will be necessary at the beginning of the Stormwater basin so that horses do not ruin it. There are rocks at the swale to guide water to the retention basin. This must be figured out how to cross without impeding the water getting to the basin. There is a large double tree which is also a problem due to its size. Once the correct easement is marked, it can be blazed to make people stay on the trail. There are a few small trees in the easement that were just planted. The HOA needs to be informed they should be moved. There is also a fallen tree that prevents access which the HOA will need to move. The Board and staff noted a tree located in the HOA space is leaning into the area of the trail easement and could pose a hazard. Staff will reach out to the HOA to request the tree be removed as it is a safety concern.

The next steps are for Bill Holderness and Mike Schneider to mark the trail with flags so that the Public Works Department will have a better idea on where to clear.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely, Township Secretary