



BTAC Meeting
January 23, 2017

Paul Smith, David Drumm, Jeff Barr, Denny Oswald, Carol Oswald, Rob Priestas, Tricia Kovacs, David Jeffords, Barry Goodwin

Introductions – Welcome Barry!

Congratulations Jeff Barr on his appointment as Parks & Recreation Director! Shannon Sorrell left for Whitehall Parks and Recreation Director. Deputy Director and recreation superintendent positions will be posted soon.

Chair Appointment - Kate is it - thank you!

Big Walnut Trail – Section 4 Update: Rob Priestas, City Engineer

- EMHT contracted for final design; Stage 1 plans received that outline the alignment. Scheduling working meeting in early February. Want to host a public meeting prior to finalizing plans. Still working with Stoneybrook Church to bisect their campus through easements. Late summer construction is being anticipated. SRTS sidewalk will remain, 10 ft. path in other sections.
- QUESTION Denny – consider a new bridge (wooden bridge in McKenna Creek Park property)? Rob will be discussing where path will be in park property.
- Do a walkthrough of Section 4 from Nob Hill to 62. Jeff will let us know when time comes.
- **ACTION:** BTAC assist with Public Open House (EMHT Hosts and materials), let us know the date so BTAC can assist; maybe host at Stoneybrook Church; comment on plans after EMHT has them in city approved format
- BWT New Business: Denny: maintenance problem on Section 3 – weeds on blind curve coming down from Nob Hill. Jeff is now aware and will address.
- BWT connections north through Columbus: bids may be going out in April
- Minor improvements to bridge by Woodside Green, fixed both sides of bump.

East/West Corridor Connections:

- Stygler/Agler public meeting on intersection changes: 1/26/17 5-7pm at City Hall. Come out and discuss/comment on active transportation infrastructure. Key time to make public comment on that intersection design.
- Connections east to Alum Creek: Tricia passed around map.
- Rob: West Johnstown and Stygler Rd widening projects are on the planning list for this year. Johnstown Rd. Sidewalk on one side, Trail on another from Veterans Park to the corporation limits.
- Additional connections from Agler to Sunbury to Innis Park and the Alum Creek Trail where discussed by Jeff.
- Need connector Rd to Alum Creek Trail on Agler Dr.

BTAC Events/Promotion:

- State of the City 3/23/17 at City Hall: have a table/presence at the address, maybe more info about BWT Section 4, BTAC Committee purpose and elevate our presence in the community.
- Membership – Beth got a blurb in the Gateway in the next issue.
- Rides: Tricia wants to do another Historic Ride this spring/summer
- Rupa Hamal wants to start promoting wellness through bike rides
- Kate wants to plan a senior bike education series – more to come.

Bicycle and Trails Master Plan – on the work plan

Bridge across Creekside Mill Race has been replaced – steel beam bridge now.

Next meeting: February 27 2017 at 6pm at City Hall

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