

LAKE RIDGE PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC. (LRPRA)
Trails Oversight Committee Meeting
June 4, 2020

The Trails Oversight Committee meeting was held via a hybrid, in person/virtual meeting on June 4, 2020. Doug Milburn hosted the virtual meeting from the Tall Oaks Community Center.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Neil Nelson (chair), Christopher Berry (LRPRA board member), Beth Greer, Jeff Witherel.

Board Members: Janet Foote (President), Mike Stephens

Staff Members: Ike Mutlu (General Manager), Doug Milburn (Director of Administration and Human Resources), Brodie Freer (Facilities Dept)

PWC Parks Department: Brendon Hanafin, Matt White and Ryan Delaney

PWC Trails & Blueways Council: Eileen Sheridan

Staff, office of the Occoquan District Supervisor: Julia Cottrell, Emily Guerrero

Other attendees: homeowner John Maher

ABSENT: Committee/Board Member: Tina Herndon

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. OPEN FORUM: John Maher presented comments on the trail plan: the Parks Dept does not have the resources to maintain a trail; he is concerned about the kind of trail being planned, that it will either be dual purpose (walking and biking), or biking only. He intends to submit a recommendation that trail work be halted.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Trails Oversight Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

D. PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION: Ryan Delaney presented the results of the Occoquan Greenway feasibility study for the Hooes Run crossing and the final trail section along Tanyard Hill Road leading into the Town of Occoquan. The study identified two options for bridge sites on Hooes Run, and two choices of bridge design at each site, along with cost estimates. The Parks Dept recommendation is the upstream crossing site, with steel truss bridge. This bridge design is commonly used in parks in Fairfax County, and is similar to other bridges in PW County Parks. A third crossing site, alongside of Old Bridge Road where Hooes Run flows under the road, was briefly mentioned. Ryan indicated it would involve extending the culverts in order to build the trail and cross the stream.

The feasibility study contained only one option for the trail section along Tanyard Hill Road – an 8-foot wide blacktop trail with retaining wall.

Brendon Hanafin discussed the status of trail funding. The PWC Capital Improvement Plan has \$749K identified for the Occoquan Greenway. The CIP includes both general funds and proffer funds. Only the proffer funds are currently available, the general funds are frozen. The proffer fund amount is \$391K. Brendon stated the Occoquan Greenway is identified for PWC bond funding in the future. Ike mentioned the potential of obtaining federal or state grants. Ryan identified a specific grant program, the Virginia Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP).

There was discussion on next steps, and general agreement with the recommendation shown on slide 11 of the presentation (attached).

Neil asked if the Trails Committee was ready to choose a Hooes Run crossing site and bridge design, to carry forward as a recommendation to the Board. Chris indicated that we should continue looking at options and costs.

E. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.