

**3/6/24 Rivers Edge Bike Park Committee Meeting 6PM @ Smithfield
Township Municipal Building**

- In attendance: Alex Jackson, Frances Oquendo, Kyle Jenkins, Sue Melchiorre, Ken Lesure, Chris Rain, Mike Dwyer, RJ Clark
- Introductions and discussion of individual strengths and qualifications, committee selection, purpose, and intent of the committee:

*Alex Jackson, Director of Conservation & Recreation for Smithfield Twp;
Kyle Jenkins, PACT, head trail leader; Ken Lesure, Smithfield Twp Resident,
Previous experience with Mount Nebo Park; retired professor; Sue M. PACT
President, construction management professional; Chris Rain, Parks &
Recreation Manager, MST, 2015-present; RJ Clark, Smithfield Twp Resident,
Tree care specialist, worked with Smithfield Township parks previously;
Frances Oquendo, scouts volunteer, resident of Middle Smithfield
Township; previous work with MST; Mike Dwyer, Middle Smithfield Twp
Supervisor, historian of the group, involvement from the beginning and
acquisition of the park lands.*

- Goals and Objectives and Overview of a Master Site Plan, and the background with DCNR
- Presentation and discussion on existing site conditions, history of the track phasing, DCNR Conservation district discussion, NPDES Permit discussion; History of Jim building the track with his family, and design of the full implementation;
- Discussion on the need for the pump track, discussion, and consensus on the high demand for this type of recreational resource.
- Discussion on the importance of adding non-pump track bike trails through the forest; avoidable on clearcutting but pointed out the importance of removing problematic understory invasive species, and trimming trees for safety; minimize the removal of large trees.
- Discussion on programs for the track in partnership with PACT, Boy Scouts, No kids without wheels, earn a bike program, geocaching, and new scout badges unique to the park.

- Engineering question and discussion about how exactly to protect the pump track during the winter season
- Emphasis on the importance of an asphalt pump track; parking lots can be/should be pervious pavement/asphalt; discussion on stormwater management and goals and objectives.
- Discussion about security and the need for an analysis on that matter; incorporated into Scope of Work.
- Picnicking. Make opportunity and Direct picnicks and BBQ to the left at the entrance to encourage the correct location for these activities.
- Add Pavilion with a roof to the Picknick area
- Emphasis on the importance of a canoe/kayak access at Brodhead Creek
- Lengthy discussion on Scope of Work, and requests for proposals (RFP).
- Scope of work is good; some questions on historic dig site.
- Volunteer day to help w/pump track before the full implementation of this project
- Utilize social media to help local volunteer groups with volunteer day to maintain existing track
- Discussion of ongoing maintenance requirements.

Conclusions:

Goal of the committee to go out for bid, and hire a consultant by June/July of 2024. Move the timeline up; an extension is going to be required; aim for planning project (Master Site Plan) completion in 2025.

Next Steps:

Alex to meet with DCNR and submit the approved draft Scope of work; and discuss Request for Proposals and next steps.

Re-occurring Meetings 1st WED of the Month at 6PM at the Smithfield township Municipal Building.

Next Meeting proposed for WED April 3rd 2024 6PM