

# Grand History Trail Feasibility Study for Adams County

## Township Supervisor Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on March 29, 2019

### **Attendees:**

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Dennis Hicketier	HABPI President, Project Coordinator
James Paddock	Cumberland Township Supervisor
Paul Kellett	Freedom Township Supervisor

### Meeting location and time:

Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority, Charlie Sterner Building, at 9:00 a.m.

### Meeting structure:

Dennis laid out the new 2-foot contour maps of the study area on a table, with other maps on another table. Also on display was a page showing four photos of different trails, similar to what we want to build. Trail planning documents were also available for review, which Dennis discussed briefly.

### Key Items discussed during the meeting:

1. Jim had talked with Ms. Frost, property owner of land around the “ford” on Gordon Road, while at another event. Jim mentioned the possibility of building a “swinging bridge” over the ford for use by walkers and bikers. Ms. Frost asked about the size of the bridge and when Jim said it could be as wide as 8’ she became agitated. Jim assured her that nothing had been decided and we just wanted to meet with her to discuss the whole trail idea.
2. Paul reported that shortly after that conversation, several township residents along Gordon Road complained to him about the prospective trail, during an unrelated township meeting. They were adamant that they did not want the trail on or next to their properties.
3. Jim reported that Mr. Baddick had been very favorable to the trail concept when Jim first spoke with him, but he had not responded to any of his calls or emails since then. Jim thinks that his neighbors spoke with him and changed his mind.
4. Jim and Paul agreed that we should abandon the idea of taking the trail down Gordon Road and across the ford of Middle Creek. We then discussed alternative routes using roads like CampGettysburg, McLaughlin, Bigam, Dawn, and Pumping Station.
5. Dennis explained that we need to conduct a public meeting open to anyone and described how it would be conducted. There would be 4-5 groups of tables with a large map of the

study area in the middle. After explaining the trail study, our consultants from CTC would ask people to mark the maps with possible routes for getting from Sachs Covered Bridge to the Maryland border, while discussing the possibilities amongst themselves. A representative from the Study Committee would be with each group to record key points and suggestions. Dennis asked Jim and Paul if they thought we should meet with any other property owners prior to holding a public meeting. They said no, but to quiet the opponents, Paul will tell the opposing land owners that we are no longer considering taking the trail on or next to Gordon Road and across the ford.

### **Next steps**

- 1. Dennis will create a description of the alternate routes proposed by Jim and Paul for further consideration. This document will be completed before April 5.**
- 2. Dennis will draft an email to Tim Shields, updating him on the current situation, without all the details of these minutes. Jim will review the draft before Dennis sends it out.**

Prepared by Dennis Hicketier, HABPI, Project Officer