

MSB Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Schedule for Review & Implementation MSB Recreational Trail Plan

1. Trail Maintenance and Construction Projects

Trails which are identified in the trails plan and have proven legal public right of way are eligible for borough maintenance. The advisory board will review potential projects and adding trails to those currently maintained by the borough's parks crew.

Schedule for identifying trail maintenance projects and new construction will be completed before the budget and capital improvement planning process. Staff will bring forward trail construction projects or list trails that are in need of regular maintenance. This list will be based on the input of communities and user groups.

Nomination period July-August

Reviewed by PRTAB September-October

Review and recommendation for Budget no later than November 30th

2. Acquisition of Trail Rights-of-Way for Public Recreation

The acquisition of public rights of way for trails is an on-going project. Each year the advisory board will review what acquisitions have taken place and add to the list of priorities. Given the uncertainty of negotiations with private land owners and costs of acquisitions it is difficult to predict how long and what the outcome and/or expense of each trail acquisition will be. The staff will attempt to estimate costs and time requirements on a per mile basis.

A schedule for prioritizing trail acquisitions will be completed in time for the borough budget. The trail acquisitions are not dependent on the CIP process, because rights of way are not considered improvements, and will not qualify for CIP money. Instead, it is important to have trail right of way acquisitions prioritized for the borough budget and staffing needs.

Reviewed by PRTAB October-November

Review and prioritization no later than December 31st

3. Nominations for Trails to be Considered as Part of the Trails Plan

Nominations for trails to be considered for addition to the plan will be accepted by the Land Management Division. Nominators will be asked to complete a form and provide a map of the trail they are nominating. The form will be designed to ask pertinent questions about the location and use of the trail. Trails may be existing or proposed trails.

Land Management will research land ownership, and analyze aerial photographs and maps in order to provide additional information to the advisory board. The board will be asked to determine if the trail should be added to the plan. If the board agrees that the trail is significant enough to be added to the plan, their recommendation will be taken forward to the planning commission and assembly as an amendment to the plan.

Nomination period August - December

Reviewed by PRTAB January - February

Review and recommendation for Planning Commission no later than March 1st