Elverson Borough Newsletter

September\October 2022

Elverson Trail work – any volunteers?

Lisa Palser, ElversonTrails@outlook.com

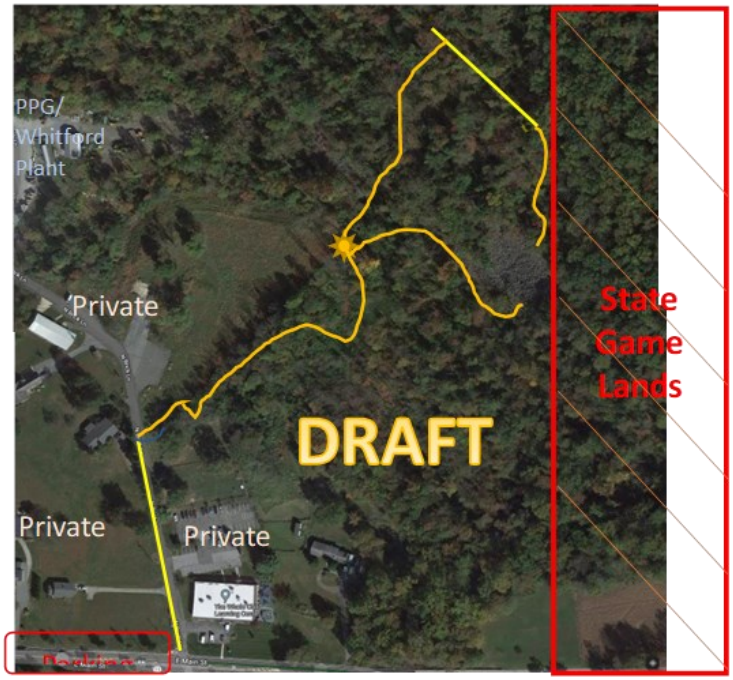
Last December, the trails committee told you about our hopes to complete a trail to the historic Elverson Blue Rocks so that we may once again be able to explore and scramble over the famous Blue Rocks of Elverson. We are closer now to achieving this. A small group of volunteers will be working to re-clear the trail so that we can get the professionals in to survey the trail and then complete the easement documents. If anyone wishes to work on clearing the trail, please feel free to join us. Just come with your energy and your own yard tool(s) such as loppers, shears, hoe/mattock, or battery or gas powered trimmers. These are our clearing dates:

- Monday 10am-12pm October 3rd
- Monday 10am-12pm October 10th

If you cannot join us this year, there will be other opportunities next spring and summer for maintenance of our trails. Please email me so I can contact you and keep you informed for 2023.

We plan to meet towards the top of North Brick Lane at the old Graco parking area on the current landowner's land. This area is not for regular use—just for trail maintenance days. Normal trail parking is on Main Street if you are not able to walk from your house.

Climbing the Blue Rocks



The trail map above is a draft, and the trail is not yet open. It is still under construction and being documented.

Engraved initials pre-WWII

Livingood Park Tennis Project

Julia Kurtz Yauneridge

I would love to have two tennis courts built at Livingood Park again. There are currently two tennis courts at West Nantmeal Park. However, they are oriented incorrectly from East to West so they are very difficult to use on a nice day. The courts at Twin Valley are regularly in use by all of the high school boys and girls and middle and elementary school programming so it is difficult for a recreational player to find an available court.

I am the tennis coach for Twin Valley High, Middle and Elementary Schools. With the completion of this project, I hope to offer free and or low cost tennis to kids and adults in the area. I would use every opportunity to apply for grants in order to achieve this goal. I would like to offer tennis to kids and adults of all skill levels, adaptive tennis, tennis camps, cardio tennis, JTT, toddler tennis, summer camps, tournaments and I was trained in wheel chair tennis.

I have done some research and have received some quotes for this project. Quotes range from $150,000-$200,000. There are some grants available through the USTA and I will be looking into grants from the state if Elverson Borough likes the idea of putting tennis courts back into the park. I will be requesting $20,000 from the USTA in order to assist in building two tennis courts at Livingood Park and will be utilizing other resources to fund-raise and present this project to Chester County and then to the state. I may be able to receive some funding from local businesses, the chamber of commerce and can present the idea to the school district. There may be COVID funding available in all of these departments because this is a sport that anyone can play at any age from a distance.

If you feel rebuilding tennis courts at Livingood Park is a good idea, please email me—juliakurtz123@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you.

A free tennis program run by Julia for the past 6 years which has been growing each year.

Kids as young as 3 can learn tennis basics.

HELP NEEDED

There will be a vacant seat on the Municipal Authority of Elverson. Lori Sifford's term is ending at the end of 2022. It would be good for the person to have some business and/or financial experience. Any questions, call **Darrell Gibble—610-286-6187.**

A REMINDER TO VOTE

The general election for in-person voting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8.** Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm at the Brick Lane Community Church, 52 N Brick Lane, Elverson for Elverson Borough residents All are encouraged to exercise their rights and make their voices heard through their vote. Pennsylvania governor and senator candidates are on the ballot. Research so you can vote intelligently.

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Esther Prosser, Mayor

Our annual Elverson Parade is in its 50th year and is always scheduled for the third Wednesday evening in October with the rain date the next evening. It's a great way to get your business out there free of charge. Log onto elversonboro.org and click on the link provided. Our theme this year is The 90's. Entries are encouraged to decorate around that theme.

Our Main Street on October 19 is closed from Brick Lane to 401 at 6:30 pm. South Pine Street is closed to incoming traffic from 23 at 6 pm. If you travel home from work that evening, do your best to arrive before 6 pm.

In other Elverson news, we continue to make progress on park vandalism with the help of the State Police and our block captains. Also, a regular pickleball group is playing twice a week on Monday and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. We are looking for an indoor venue, come November. Email me if you'd like to play pickleball, volunteer as a block captain or serve on our parade committee (esther@stoltzfus.com).

I hope to see you on Main the evening of 10/19.