Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting September 17, 2013

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman, Shawn Touhill, Bob Ruddy, Mary Pat Holewinski, Chris Stanford, Rick Colello, Dick Patterson, Roy Rider, Warrington Township, Bruce Taylor, Andy Hamilton, Elsie White, Andy Clark, Tom Kelso, Judy Hendrixson and Stephanie Mason.

Destination Peace Valley Update

Ms. Holewinski, Ms. Robin Trymbiski, Ms. Mason, Mr. Kelso and Mr. Stanford walked the property and outlined where the trail would go, that information has been submitted to the civic association as to where the trail will go through Covered Bridge Park.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail Preliminary Layout, Paul Gordon, Bucks County

Mr. Gordon was present as the Bucks County Planning Commission received a 2012 DVRPC Grant to study the Upper Neshaminy west branch to the fork of the Neshaminy, in addition to a DCNR Grant, which takes from the forks to Core Creek Park.

They have also applied for an ACT 313 Grant to go from Core Creek to Bensalem Township and Levittown to the Queen Anne W/A Costal Zone Grant for a trail connection.

The County is working with a group of citizens and Chris Green, Gilmore & Assoc., they have been out in the field this summer planning the route of the trail and looking at the various obstacles. They provided a map showing where the trail would start and connect into the Doylestown Community Trail. Then starts at Bristol Road and travels to the New Britain Train Station, to the 202 Parkway which is the section the Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee is working on. It will head through the village of Edison to cross Route 611 to get to the other side of the Neshaminy.

The Committee had several suggestions and ideas for Mr. Gordon as to the best way to cross the properties related to the village. Mr. Gordon said that BCPC was looking to perhaps have Quarry Road become one way although the Committee did not favor this. They recommended that they cross the Neshaminy with pedestrian and bicycle bridges working their way to the County property and going under Route 611 to get behind Barn Plaza to Dark Hollow Park.

Mr. Gordon proceeded to review the various segments of the proposed trail to the forks of the Neshaminy and everyone appreciated his time and the information and the work that the County is doing regarding this project.

Ms. Goldman suggested that on the Fall Tour the Committee should look at the Quarry Road area.

Ms. Goldman asked Mr. Rider from Warrington Township what they were working on, he indicated that they have a PECO Right of Way near County Line Road and Chestnut Lane and are getting a Grant from DCNR for feasibility from the 202 Parkway to Bradford Dam, with a trail in the east toward Warwick Township. The Kansas Road area and County Line, there was discussion about doing a trail from the 202 Parkway along Bristol to CB South High School to the 202 Parkway as well.

Trail Ride

Ms. Goldman indicated that she was in Vermont and participated in a Trail Ride and thought it was an exciting way to raise money for the Bike/Hike Committee. She recommended that she, Amy Mazzanti, Mr. Ruddy, Ms. White and Mr. Patterson work together to create a Trail Ride for Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee.

She also indicated that now that the Township is on Facebook that perhaps it could be utilized to promote building trails.

9:00am Meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Martin, Lower State Road

The Committee and the Martins reviewed long term plans to have a trail from where it ends at the YMCA, along Lower State over the railroad tracks, across Delaware Valley Farm Market property to connect into the Destination Doylestown as well as the 202 Parkway Trail.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin indicated that they have lived in the property for over 20 years and certainly seen traffic patterns change on Lower State Road and believe a trail would be helpful. They would like the opportunity to meet in the field perhaps with representatives from the Committee and the Township to begin addressing how a portion of the trail could cross their property. They are very receptive to the concept.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail Kiosk and Signage

Mr. Kelso indicated that he is working with Mr. John to finalize the signage and the concrete posts that will be used for the kiosks. The work should start sometime in October.

Pebble Hill Road Sharrows

Recommendation approved for sharrows to be placed along Pebble Hill Road, will have to work with PennDot to have those sharows put down.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30am.