

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
March 18, 2014

Present: Andy Clark, Marilyn Jacobson, Bruce Hochman, Lousie Silberg, Sharon Kazan, Bruce Taylor, Tom Kelso, Rachel Mauer, Judy Hendrixson, Dick Patterson, Roy Reider, Warrington Township, Mary Pat Holewinski, Peter Fernandez, Chris Stanford, Andy Hamilton, Elsie White, Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisors Liaison, Ken Snyder, Board of Supervisors Member and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Presentation – Doylestown to New Hope Route 202 Trail – Andy Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton presented the Bucks County Bicycle Plan and the Early Action Issues for them regarding the Doylestown to New Hope Trail that they are proposing and shared on road accesses that they are proposing to move forward in the near future.

There are discussions that he is having with PennDot to obtain the appropriate permit and move this project along.

Structural Issues – In Buckingham Township with PennDot and the Bicycle Coalition. They are getting their Bike Occupancy Permit, dedicated Bike Lane along Route 202. There is a lot of real estate to work with there. They are also mapping things and have a good handle on the right of way where trails can come in as well.

They are also developing a 9/11 Memorial Trail across Pennsylvania where occupancy permits will be required from the municipalities. Signage, is being developed and a river to river trail as well.

PennDot has \$200,000 they are working to provide funding though the Circuit.

Mr. Kelso commented that there are beautiful country rides in Buckingham to the canal path.

Work and awareness for drivers as well is being developed about bicycles.

Destination Peace Valley – Update

The erosion and sedimentation control plan has been submitted.

The Army Corp Permit for the bridge has been submitted.

The permit for the Neshaminy needs a 30 day review.

Bid package for the three trails, excavating and paving plus volunteer and cleanup are under way.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail –Update

The Township will do some up front work and then the E & S set up then the excavation and paving will be done through contracted services.

Plans will be reviewed for the bids after the meeting.

Bike/Hike Ride

Mr. Patterson is mapping out a Community Ride – Family Event. Developing ways to go and being able to have a sample ride and maybe partner with different places. Could be like a 309/Parkway 6 mile and maybe a

15 mile ride. He is trying to find places where people could stop, perhaps the Lavender Farm, the Ball Property or some of the museums.

This is still in the planning stages.

Grant Submission – PADCNR & TAP

Ms. Mason reported that the Township will be submitting PADCNR Grant and TAP Grant.

The DCNR will be the Upper State Road to the New Britain Train Station where an easement has already been obtained in New Britain Township.

The TAP Grant will be for the Lower State Road to the Route 202 Parkway Trail. Working with SEPTA to create a safe pedestrian crossing at that site. An easement from Delaware Valley College has been obtained. We still need to make contact with Mr. Ball. Ms. Kazan from Warrington Township said she may be able to help.

Mr. Kelso also reported that Hallmark Homes, they are doing a parallel trail along the SEPTA Rail Line, they will putting in gravel path between Shady Retreat and Buelah.

GO Pro Camera

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that she has used it and has footage. She will provide it to Ms. Thompson for download.

Other Business

Mr. Patterson indicated that the Borough is doing surveys regarding DART and general transportation. Perhaps a pedestrian survey could be incorporated.

April 9, 2014 the Borough will be adding sharrows to Ashland and Oakland for traffic calming.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager