

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

Present: Lynn Goldman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Roger Clark; Dick Patterson; Marilyn Jacobson; Larry Gage; Katie Maio; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Mary Pat Holewinski; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest: Marc Schonfeld, Resident Chestnut Valley Dr.; Lee Sunderland, East Road Resident; Dan Wood, Resident

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting were approved with a change, under Pump Track delete 10' wide, minutes unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update – Mr. Kelso will get together with Mr. Tomko in the near future.

Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update – Mr. Disciullo from Baker Engineers indicated that the bid are out and due in September 12, 2019, anticipate construction some time in winter or spring. It was suggested we coordinate detours for school busses.

Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update – The public meeting will be October 2, 2019 at 7PM. Discussions with Doylestown Country Club and the need for an easement have not taken place. However there is a lot of right of way out there and it looks like there would be room for the trail.

Mr. Sunderland from East Road near Cherry and Springs indicated that he would like to see the trail come down more along East to Cherry to accommodate the residents in that area.

Mr. Kelso indicated that our goal is to serve all the neighborhoods this is going to be difficult we will have to phase in it would be a typical trail. Main roads will be used as well. With the Brooks Track coming on board we will have some trail in the area. We have had an advocate in Mr. Clark; he keeps everybody on tract with the need for this trail in the area. However, it definitely will not be traditional but we will make sure that the standards that we set are approached.

Ms. Goldman noted that the Borough is doing some paving on Green Street and suggested having Baker Engineers reach out to them about narrow lane striping to allow for pedestrians and bicycles.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update – Mr. Disciullo provided that an update on safety on the internal review is in process, should be submitted to Penn Dot soon along with the structural TSL plans. He is hoping for good news on that front. He indicated that Baker Engineers along with Ms. Mason and Mr. Kelso met with the representatives of 800 West State Street and Stonington Farms addressing safety and drainage and looking to utilize easements from their properties with the trail. The meetings went very well.

Mr. Schonfeld of Chestnut Valley Drive expressed concern about connecting to Shady Retreat Road. He loves the trail system and thinks it is great but believes that a crosswalk at Country Brook may be the better of the two locations as opposed near Old Colonial Drive. This location in his opinion presents as an unsafe crossing at Shady Retreat. He indicated that he is an engineer by profession and has lived there for 40 years, with the speed at around 35mph it might be prudent to just cross at Country Brook as that is how many people do now.

Discussion regarding the opportunity to install a rapid flashing beacon at the crosswalks was discussed. This will make the crosswalks safer. It was indicated that this will be further reviewed in addition to the 3-way stop that is being proposed at Burpee.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon was not in attendance however the County did break ground for the trail in the Quakertown area last week.

Pump Track – Update – Continue to make trails in the woods, the project is going very well.

New Projects to be Considered – Fall Bike Tour – We could look at Turk Road again, as well as Old New Road, it was suggested that we meet at the Township on September 18, 2019 and use Ms. Goldman’s van to drive around.

Other Business – Someone indicated that there is a What Three Words app if you get lost. You can use this app to get located.

Ms. Goldman indicated that Bike Works is meeting with Congressman Fitzpatrick concerning the embargo on goods from China and specifically the impact on bicycle equipment.

September 11, 2019 there are a number of rides being planned: Flight 93 ride in New York City, in October there is the Witches Ride in the Borough and the Christmas Ride. Also on September 11th Leonard Bonarek, Regional Planner for Bicycle Coalition will make a presentation at the Township, the Bike/Hike Committee is sponsoring this event. It is a workshop on how to advocate for better walking and biking in your community. It will be an opportunity to explore digital mapping tools.

Mr. Patterson questioned if Buckingham was connecting with Borough through Maple Wood.

Mr. Kelso indicated that Buckingham has adopted an official Bike Plan and the plan indicates trails for Cold Spring Creamy Road, connections at Swamp Road, connection at Court St. but yes, Maple Wood has sharrows and can easily connect the two communities.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:58am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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