

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**November 19, 2019**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Tom Kelso; Katie Maio; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Marilyn Jacobson; Mary Pat Holewinski; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Minutes Approval** – the committee unanimously approved the minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting.

**Presentation on Proposed Tabor Development** – Rick Lyons, Dan Lyons and Brian McKenzie were present to discuss the proposed Tabor Project, which entails 150,000 sq. ft. senior living, 30,000 sq. ft. of office existing and proposed. They discussed the proposed bike path for the property. They are prepared if the Penn Dot goes forward with the round a bout at the intersection. There is enough land to be able to accommodate a bike path and walking trail across the property interconnecting with the light. The traffic signal needs a medication for a hand man count down signal. Also discussed was moving the SEPTA bus stop to the area where the traffic signal is and having a crosswalk with the office complex across the street.

In addition, plans for access of a trail from the proposed WAWA in Doylestown Borough coming up Easton Road, connecting into the Tabor Trail was discussed.

Everyone was very pleased with the proposed project and looks forward to the project moving forward.

### **Review of Projects**

**Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update** – Continues to be on the radar and will continue to remain on the agenda.

**Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update** – Penn Dot is finalizing the contract, expecting the letter to proceed in December. Recommendation that Baker Engineers prepare a letter that New Britain and Doylestown Townships can send to residents due to the proposed detours.

Baker will prepare and forward out.

**Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update** – The suggestion was to approach the Traffic Advisory Committee regarding the slowing traffic and crossing people at Pebble Hill Road. Discussion on narrowing the road will take place. The report is underway and a draft copy will be sent to DCNR prior to presentations before the Borough and Township boards.

There was discussion on ways of avoiding the property coming up the north side as well as avoiding the property with the pond and dam, addressing safety signage as well. Discussion was to widen the road on the Christopher Lane side, try to keep the trail on the Fey side still needs further discussion. Need to be creative in slowing the traffic at Turk Road.

We need to work with the Bucks County Bicycle Coalition and Penn Dot regarding the safety in the area.

Mr. Kelso suggested that we have a conversation with Sarah Stewart of the Circuit. She could help these trails connect to the Neshaminy Greenway Paths as well. He indicated that William Penn Foundation and DVRPC work together providing the appropriate grants. He noted that there is a 30-mile trail project in New Jersey, which we will be competing with as well.

Suggestion that we invite Ms. Stewart, Bucks County Commissioners and Bike Bucks County to perhaps a March meeting and talk about trail as a sustainable committee.

Ms. Goldman indicated that 2020 there is going to be a lot happening for trails.

**Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update** – Mr. Disciullo, Baker Engineers, talked about the right of way documentation being prepared for approval and Penn Dot is evaluating the safety coordination plan for the current layout. In addition, he is working on the structure crossing as well.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – N/A

**Pump Track – Update** – Ms. Goldman indicated that things are moving along. There were 100 participants in the Witches Ride through Doylestown during Halloween. They are working on engaging riders, they have a Santa Claus Ride coming up and did a night race at the Pump Tract, which is doing well.

**Other Business and New Projects Consideration** – Ms. Jacobson reported that the Bristol Road connection is in preliminary engineering. In Chalfont, there are 60 town homes proposed at Butler and Bristol and they will be speaking to the developer about connecting to existing trails.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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