

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

Present: Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Roger Clark; Tom Kelso; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Elizabeth Wyckoff; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Nancy Santacecilia, Board of Supervisors Liaison, Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Katie Maio

Minutes Approval – The committee approved the minutes from January 21, 2020.

Review of Projects

Consideration for Sending Liz Wyckoff to IMBA Conference – The committee discussed sending Ms. Wyckoff to the IMBA Conference in April. This would be for the development of trails for mountain bikes, which is very popular from Vermont to California. This is a trail lab workshop is on ways to build community support, do fundraising and create the off road trails. Typically these trails connect to Bike/Hike Trail systems. There may not be a lot these types of trails in the Borough although they have begun to construct some. However, Liz believes that there will be needed in other places and could be easily installed. Ms. Goldman said that these types of trails are easy to create and it would be good to have someone attend training such as the IMBA in April. She also said that it's easy to make dirt paths; typically they are not paved so there is that expense to be saved.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she has made a little area in her backyard for her grandchildren, it just takes a little bit of dirt she said.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that this is great idea for Peace Valley.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that it is a great opportunity to discuss with the committee.

Mr. Kelso commended that the Bike/Hike Committee has gotten this far because of people like Ms. Wyckoff.

Ms. Wyckoff agreed that if she is able to attend the IMBA that upon her return she will share what she learned with the committee.

Ms. Jacobson made a comment that sending Ms. Wyckoff to the training would be very valuable for the Bike/Hike Committee. Ms. Jacobson made a motion that the Bike/Hike Committee recommends to the Board of Supervisors that we send Ms. Wyckoff to the IMBA Conference this April for \$1,248. The motion was seconded, by Mr. Kelso and carried unanimously.

Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update – Mr. Kelso indicated that he obtained the CAD drawings; He thinks this is going to be an opportunity to connect with Warrington Township and CB South High School as a destination since it is not that far from Old New Road. He suggests talking to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

There was discussion regarding the connection from Mill Creek elementary school and the high school. As of now the two do not connect. It was suggested that someone reach out to the Central Bucks School District about a connection.

Ms. Mason will call Barry Luber in Warrington and find out why there is not a connection.

Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update –Construction is underway. New Britain Township is applying for a TCDI Grant for the Coleman property. Some of the fill is coming from the Bucks County Water & Sewer Project in Doylestown Township.

Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update – Mr. Disciullo indicated that the study has been submitted to DCNR and Penn Dot and is being reviewed; once this is done, it will be able to be finalized.

He also indicated that he, Ms. Hendrixson, Mr. Gage & Ms. Maio are intending to go to the Traffic Advisory Meeting in April to talk about Pebble Hill Road and crossings at Turk and Cherry. He provided the committee with information on

the site distance diagram. They will present the date and site distance plan to the TAC. The information will explain how to access Pebble Hill Road from Cherry and Turk Roads.

Some of the constraints may be from shrubbery that needs to be removed to assist with the improvement. Definitely proper crossings such as a Rapid Flashing Beacon may be required as well.

It was suggested that the property owner at the corner of Turk and Pebble Hill be contacted to discuss the project further.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update – The plan is progressing, plans are into Penn Dot for safety review. Once it the plan has 80 – 90% approval for safety we will be able to finalize the plans and obtain the easement outside of the road right of way.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon was not in attendance so the matter was tabled.

Pump Track – Update – The Track is closed for the season.

Other Business – Map Update – it was suggested that the bike/hike map needs to be graphically more appealing, easy to use; somebody suggested reaching out to Matt Benze or Paul Boger to help. It needs to be in a GIS format so it was suggested that Ms. Mason reach out to Bucks County Planning Commission and the Visit Bucks to see if they could lend some assistance to updating the map as well.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20am. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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