

**Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 16, 2021, 8:00am**  
**Doylestown Township Municipal Building**  
**425 Wells Road**

**Present:** Judy Hendrixson; Bruce Hochman; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Tom Kelso; Roger Clark; Shelle Clancy; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Mary Pat Holewinski; Rick James; Nancy Santacecilia, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Via Zoom:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman & Larry Gage

**Minutes Approval** – Approval of the minutes from **October 19, 2021** on motion of Mr. Clark seconded by Ms. Goldman the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Review of Projects**

#### **Route 202 (Central Park – Pooles Corner) Trail Feasibility Study**

Ms. Mason indicated that this study was finalized and approved by the Board of Supervisors at their September meeting. At present a grant application has been submitted to DCED for a multimodal grant that would allow a trail about ½ mile from Central Park to Warden Road to be built.

Mr. Disciullo said probably won't hear anything about the grant until sometime in the new year.

#### **Turk Road Area Feasibility - Implementation of Study Findings**

Mr. Clark indicated that we need to revise letters and send them to the Hydak's as well as the new residents on East Road. Ms. Mason will have those revised and sent to him.

Mr. Disciullo indicated that there was a plan recorded for Cherry Lane Lot Line Change several years ago and it looks like there may be additional right of way that the Township obtained over the years. He is working with Mr. Tomko to confirm.

There was discussion about adding sharrows to Springs Drive, this will need to be requested of Mr. Tomko.

Mr. Kelso suggested the next grant rounds especially if new money for trails from the Federal Government comes through, if we have something that is shovel ready, we may be able to apply for funding at that time.

Working with PennDot and Warrington Township on a Bristol Rd extension along Bristol Rd. to the 202 Parkway from Old New may be helpful.

#### **Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail**

The Township is waiting to hear about the TASA Grant for one million dollars. All approvals associated with the project and the design plans and engineering have been completed and easements for Stonington Farms.

Safe Routes to Schools Program, Mr. Hochman asked if it funds education? We indicated that it is for construction projects.

The Committee then discussed the boxes that were prepared for the elementary school libraries years ago by Corrine Cody on Bike Education and the program that Ms. Wykoff prepared with Mr. James, teaching elementary students how to observe the rules of the road and ride safely, helmet checks etc.

Ms. Santacecilia suggested that the Committee reach out to Angela Hendershott at the Central Bucks School District and talk about a program.

Another suggestion is perhaps do a safety video on basic safety and safe riding instruction that could be used as well.

Mr. Kelso suggested that perhaps a PECO Green Region Grant could be prepared.

Mr. Hochman indicated he is a Certified Lead Cycling Instructor and would be happy to assist.

In addition, there was discussion on creating a safety town where cycling instruction could take place.

Mr. Hochman said that he would look into information for ways to do it.

Mr. James indicated that the Central Bucks Bike Club sponsors funding as well.

A simple skills class with bicycling handling, helmet fit checks but with permanent course with signs could be fun and interesting.

#### **Old New Road – Update**

Not Applicable at this time.

#### **Bucks County Trail – Update –**

Mr. Gordon indicated that the Almshouse Road / Turk Park Trail, revised engineering plans have been completed and reworked the traffic signal diagrams at the intersection.

He anticipates bidding in the Spring.

Dark Hollow – Mr. Gordon said that the two environmental studies have been completed and the Citizens Advisory Design Committee will meet next week to review the documents.

At present there was only design grant provided, no construction.

Newtown Rail Trail- will be opening in December, it will have access from the Southampton Trail Station near the Oskar Huber store and Tamanend Park on Second Street Pike.

The County is reviewing engineering proposals for additions for the Newtown Rail Trail to the Churchville Nature Center.

Core Creek Trails – are being evaluated for construction, this would be Core Creek Park to Lake Luxembourg.

Mr. Kelso inquired about the Liberty Bell Trail extension in Quakertown and looking to extending it to the Lehigh Valley.

Ms. Santacecilia enquired about where maintenance money will come from.

Mr. Gordon indicated that the County's Maintenance General Services Department handles funding regarding maintenance.

Mr. Kelso indicated that the Upper Bucks Trail that the County completed has had no crime, no trash, no erosion. It has been a cooperative effort with Richland and Quakertown in working on that trail and has received great reviews.

**Pump Tract – Update**

Will be closing for the season.

**Mapping Project – Update –**

Ms. Goldman indicated that the framework is taking shape with the videos, they look good. The 3X5 card information with locations is still needed. The Telecommunications Advisory Board has completed four videos and are in post-production. We anticipate TAB to attend the December meeting. Self-guided tours similar to Philadelphia where you can look at where to go on the next trail. It was suggested that they have see QR Codes on those type of trails and perhaps we should consider doing that as part of the mapping. She indicated that this would be especially helpful with physical location on the back allies of Doylestown.

Mr. Gordon reminded the Committee that the Bucks 2040 Program was in Warrington Township that night.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she met with Warrington about their open space and trails program. She indicated that safety, benches and off roading were the key areas.

Mr. Kelso suggested meeting with Doylestown Walk to talk about a woodland trail establishment before the HOA and townhouses are activated.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:52am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 8:00am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager