

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building
425 Wells Road

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman: Tom Kelso; Marilyn Jacobsen; Cynthia Jones; Chelle Clancy; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Visitor:

Minutes Approval – Approval of the minutes from **February 15, 2022**, on motion of Ms. Hendrixson seconded by Ms. Jones the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Electric Bikes (E-Bikes) – Continued Discussion

Ms. Goldman indicated that she believes the Committee and those in attendance had a good discussion on the topic, it was very helpful having the various police departments attending.

She wanted to talk about next steps.

Mr. Kelso suggested drafting an ordinance that could be consistent for all of the members.

Education is needed for example; the Borough's ordinances go back to 1953. Updating things and educating people is very important.

Mr. Kelso also suggested that we pair down the issues to just the basic ones. Making sure we have appropriate signing and education for general understanding about E-Bikes, so that people can utilize them safely. Going forward on larger trails segments making sure designs incorporates the true multiuse of them.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated continued education is also going to be tricky and with signage and etiquette training as well, this needs to be good for walkers and bicyclists as well.

Ms. Goldman indicated some of it has to be self-patrolled.

There was some discussion via vehicular code that it doesn't address trails and getting people to understand about E-Bikes on roadways and conflicts on trails is important.

Ms. Hendrixson and Mr. Kelso indicated they would work on appropriate signage and an ordinance for the April meeting.

Ms. Jones suggested that whatever we tell people should be consistent between the municipalities.

There was brief discussion about New York City and how they are addressing the issue.

Master Plan – Central Park

Ms. Goldman indicated that she, Ms. Hendrixson and Mr. Kelso met looking at the parks and connections to trails. This is a project the Township is working on. Mr. Kelso shared a google map with the five locations from the Township's Park & Open Space Plan that the Township is looking at for this project.

Ash Way was the first one, it was indicated that there is an existing trail out there, it was thought that a trail from the top of the property Open Space to Ash Way directly should be made available to make a loop directly from the neighborhood. Also, extending the trail along Sandy Ridge to Limekiln tying it into the Shady Retreat Road Trail would be helpful.

Not far from there is Pine Run and future development of a trail from the Pine Run Community to Limekiln and tying into Sandy Ridge Trail to Shady Retreat would be beneficial. Concern for the top of the dam and whether getting to the other side could be available along Old Iron Hill Road. There is parking on Pine Run near Limekiln that might be helpful.

Mr. Gordon indicated getting Angela Nagel the new Executive Director for the County Park System involved may be helpful as well. It was agreed that this is a good opportunity.

It was indicated that nothing is prioritized at present but something to be considered.

Triangle Park

Continue to have trail expanded in this area with the round-a-bouts coming from PennDOT and the trail from Tabor. This is a good opportunity to connect the trail from Bomaca to Pebble Woods up 611 and into the Borough towards the new WAWA.

It was thought that this could be a potential grant opportunity.

Sauerman Park

Is narrow, has a steep bank, it's a little piece, it would be good for the nearby neighborhood.

Bridgepoint Park

Is well used, its quite an access to the Neshaminy Creek, there were some plans years ago to connect from Quarry Road but not necessarily available. There's nice Village Center, trail might be difficult.

From Central Park to the Neshaminy Greenway to connect to Turk I and Turk II off of Almshouse Road, this would have nice access to get to the Neshaminy Greenway, could have a good funding priority there would be the need to cross Almshouse and could possibly be done at the narrowest point at the end of Wells Road.

Something to take a look at during our spring bike tour.

Castle Valley

Is an access point to the Neshaminy Creek, it could be accessed from the Lower State and Parkway trail or if the Drager Property ever developed.

Video and Mapping Project – Update –

Several of the videos are already up on the website. A couple need to be reshot, but it is a great project.

New Britain Road Trail Project - Update

The Township obtained two survey proposals being reviewed at the moment, we'll need a proposal to determine if the Township can do this in stages and what PennDOT will require for crossing the bridge.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail

We're still waiting to hear on the TASA grant. Final submission for pre bid schedules are pending.

Bucks County Trail – Update –

Mr. Gordon indicated that the last versions for signage and pavement markings were submitted for review and comment. The County is wading through that. The Dark Hollow design is wrapping up.

Turk Road to the Borough needs a potential grant for this project to become a reality. It may be feasible if and when the Country Club comes in for a project.

There was some discussion about creating a prioritization list of future projects and joining with the County to make sure they're all identified.

Pump Tract – Update

Closed for the winter.

Projects on Hold

Old New Road & Connections

Dark Hollow

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:29am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 8:00 am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager