

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Larry Gage; Marilyn Jacobsen; Cynthia Jones; Rick James; Emily Valmore; Glen Maxson; Nicole McIlroy; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Minutes Approval September 20, 2022 meeting, on motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Jacobsen the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Bucks County Trails Map

It was indicated that the map is up on the County's website and that there was an article in the Currier Times as well. The information is getting out there and it is a real boom.

Easton Road Trail Connector Concept Plan – Update

Grant is pending award.

New Britain Trail Project – Update

Mr. Stanford indicated that the latest news is that PennDOT will be replacing the bridge and will be incorporating fencing on the rails as part of the replacement. We will be able to complete our trail along New Britain Road up until the bridge, create the crosswalk once the bridge is completed, We will be able to complete the bike lane across once the bridge is replaced.

Mr. Stanford indicated that PennDOT is anticipating rehabbing this project sometime in the fall of 2023. At this point things are moving forward.

Also, the round-a-bout project will incorporate trail and that is also expected in the 2023 - 2024-time frame as well.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update

Mr. Stanford indicated that Baker is completing and finalizing plan details for the project and hoping to have it out to bid with PennDOT sometime in the new year. The reimbursement agreement is still pending, the resolution is on the Board of Supervisors agenda for this evening. It is intended to have a three-way stop at the intersection of Shady Retreat and Burpee.

Mr. Kelso indicated that Holiday House spoke to him in connection with the trail because he takes his pet there and they are very excited for the three-way stop.

Existing trail along Shady Retreat will tie into that intersection as well.

E-Bike – Update

Mr. Kelso said he put off preparing the final draft ordinance and is hoping to get to the Board sometime in November. However, the issue is sidewalks and addressing that in the ordinance as well. He is thinking maybe removing the sidewalk section, it seems to be more of an issue in boroughs than in townships after discussions with the Chief of Police. He thinks having it simplified is most important. It will address issues of speed and usage of people 16 and older. Once he completes it, he will share it back with the Committee and the Chief.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she sees E-Bikes all over as they are becoming lighter and actually fold up now.

Pump Track– Update

Ms. Goldman indicated that the Pump Track is going strong but will close for the winter.

Prioritizing list of Future Projects

There was discussion about an education grant from TMA Bucks and the grant would help with getting into the schools with safety program information.

Mr. James indicated that when the Committee did the program before they had three stations that taught about helmet safety, signaling and the like. We hope to work with the schools again to reintroduce this program.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he was looking over a list that was put together five years ago and he indicated how many of the projects have been completed that were planned previously.

Bristol Road Extension will have an 8' to 10' path on the Pine Run side and expand the intersection at Callow Hill adding turn lanes at Park & Main streets in Chalfont Borough. Construction is anticipated in 2025.

New Britain Township the Coleman property will be out to bid for a project in 2023. Most work will be done with the New Britain Public Works Staff.

It was mentioned that this section off of Bristol and near the Neshaminy will continue along the Neshaminy to Upper State Road.

Ms. Jones indicated that New Britain Township will extend trail along the creek with woodchips and a foot bridge to the Wilma Quinlan Preserve in New Britain Borough. She also indicated that there is a potential nature path off of the main path in the middle of the Coleman Property. There is also a building on the site that has water and sewer and bathrooms. New Britain Township is contemplating perhaps a little trail head spot as there is parking and maybe an ice cream spot as well. It could be a nice destination.

Ms. Jones also indicated that New Britain Township is looking at Ferry and Old Iron Hill and easements that had previously been obtained to get a trail to Peace Valley Park.

Ms. Goldman indicated that Chapman Road had also been discussed as an alternative at one point. However, there's a steep hill along Chapman.

There was discussion about crossing Pebble Hill Road and the Turk Road Path and Pebble Valley coming across and tying into an easement at Cherry Lane know as Mercer Gate and perhaps at some point along Turk Road at Bomaca to get to the Woods of Pebble Hill. This is pending future grant opportunities.

There was discussion regarding Doylestown Country Club and their providing and easement for a future trail along Pebble Hill Road. .

The PECO Green Region Grant has been submitted and if received would help with directional way finding signage.

There was also a request for an update from the County regarding their projects for the Neshaminy Greenway in Warwick and the trail starting at Almshouse and ending at Turk Park.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:48am. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 8:00 am** at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager