

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Tom Kelso; Steve DiSciullo, Baker Engineers; Mary Beth McCabe; Larry Gage; Shelle Clancy; Mary Pat Holewinski; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Christian Regosch, Bucks County; Bill Wert; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Visitors: Allison Davis, TMA Bucks; Emily Balmore; Andrea Susten, Plumstead Township; Duane Freed, Plumstead Township and Nicole McElroy.

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the **August 16, 2022** meeting, were unanimously approved.

Recognition of Paul Gordon

Ms. Goldman recognized Paul Gordon, upon his retirement from Bucks County for his years of service and dedication to Bucks County Planning Commission and to the promotion of trails in and around the County.

Everyone congratulated Mr. Gordon and wished him well and thanked him for his assistance to the Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee.

Bike Lane Pop-Ups – Allison Davis, TMA Bucks Project Coordinator

Ms. Davis indicated that TMA Bucks has a grant through DVRPC to do pop-up trails and bike lanes, they want to try to do something in this area.

It was suggested that perhaps TMA consider doing something along Swamp Road from Chubb Drive to Pine Run / Sawmill, this would cover the Borough, Plumstead and Doylestown Townships. It would be a great place for a 2-mile pop-up.

This would be done next year; Ms. Davis will work with the group to see about having this as a location.

Review of Projects

Bucks County Trails Map

Mr. Regosch shared with the Committee the trail map that the County has been working on. It is a clickable map that shows segments, pop-up history and photos. Several areas especially in the Central Bucks area where trails in the Borough, Township and neighboring communities can all be seen. The County is intending to roll this out in a few weeks.

There was very positive feedback, everyone appreciated the County's effort in getting this trail map to be interactive. In addition, it will be able to be updated as well.

Video and Mapping Project – Update

Videos are still being completed by TAB and you can see them on the Township's YouTube Channel once they're complete.

Easton Road Trail Connector –

This is a DCED Grant that has been submitted for over \$1,000,000, a 10% match has been included with the application. The application is pending at that time. We don't expect to hear anything until the end of the year.

New Britain Trail Project – Update

Mr. Disciullo indicated that Baker and Staff met with PennDOT to go over options for the bridge over 611. Size, access, the single access would not require the barrier, there will be required fencing to be added to the barrier. There was also some discussion that the bridge may be rebuilt by PennDOT, so we are waiting to hear about that as part of the Bridge Bundle for PennDOT. Could be let as early as 2023.

Mr. Disciullo will keep everyone updated.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School – Update

Finalizing things with PennDOT and the resubmission standards for review. The reimbursement agreement is still pending and has not been received. Once received the Board will have to approve it and then the project can move forward. Things have been wildly different since COVID, said Mr. Disciullo but we do have over \$2,400,000 available now for the project.

Ms. Balmore inquired about fencing to be added over Limekiln, it was indicated that fencing will be included as part of the project. It will go on the rail as a barrier to 611 below. A concrete barrier is being added to separate the travel lane and the trail area.

E-Bike – Update

Mr. Kelso indicated that this will be followed up at the October meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

Pump Track– Update

Is being used and everyone is enjoying it.

Prioritizing list of Future Projects

Ms. Goldman indicated that the education program that Ms. Wyckoff has worked on needs to be continued and perhaps Carly from TMA that presented recently to the Committee could be a resource and assist in doing bike safety.

Ms. Hendrixson discussed the possibility of connecting with Middle Bucks Institute of Technology in October to see if students would continue to do the silhouettes that we have put up around the trail system on bridges.

Ms. Goldman indicated that Rick James is working on a benefit bike ride for the Hammerstein Property.

Ms. Holewinski shared that New Britain Borough is doing their Duck Derby and Food Truck Fest.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:01am. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 8:00 am** at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager