

Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Notes
July 16, 2024, 8:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Rick James; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Louise Silberg; Mary Pat Holewinski; Marilyn Jacobson; Emily Valmont; Caitlin Hernandez, Doylestown Borough; Christian Regosch and Rich Brahler, Bucks County; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Welcome

Minutes Approval June 18, 2024 – On motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Kelso, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Easton Road Trail Township to Borough - Update

Ms. Mason indicated that the Township has \$2.2 million in grant funds for this project. Mr. Stanford, Bike/Hike Consultant, is beginning the design work for this section of trail.

Pebble Hill Trail – Update

Ms. Mason indicated that we're waiting to hear from DVRPC on two possible grants that would help with engineering for the feasibility, layout and design of the project.

Mr. Brahler indicated that if it's one of the grant projects through DVRPC, we did not receive it as he is aware that only one municipality in Bucks County received that grant. However official word has not been received.

New Britain Road Trail Project – Update

Ms. Mason indicated that Mr. Stanford has completed the design and is setting up meetings with Dave Tomko, Director of Operations, Matt Johnston, Traffic Engineer and Keith Hass, Executive Director of DTMA in terms of utilities regarding that pathway. More information at next meeting.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update

Ms. Mason indicated that it is under construction; it looks like completion will be this the fall. Stop signs have been placed, they are still covered, but it was anticipated that by early August they stop signs will be revealed.

Ms. Valmore commented that she's been out running in that area, it is very exciting and going to be a cohesive loop for that area of the Township.

Mr. Kelso commented that the safety barriers for pedestrians while the trail is being constructed have been very well done.

Discussion about ribbon cutting to be planned in the fall, potential location Stonington Farms.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

Ms. McElroy is working with TMA Bucks and is looking to proceed with additional schools in 2025. No further updates at this time.

Update County Trail Projects

Mr. Regosch did not have specific updates. New quotes are being received for the portion at Neshaminy Manor for a new engineer on the project. He will keep us posted as things are not finalized.

Pump Track

Ms. Hernandez indicated that the Pump Track added new soil and repaired some drainage issues, it is in really good shape. Everyone is enjoying it.

Prioritize List of Future Projects

Proposed Tail at Pine Run – Mr. Kelso indicated he has not put together a sketch but hopefully will have something for the next meeting. Hoping to be able to share with the Board of Supervisors long term ideas for the Pine Run and connecting them into the trail.

Spring Valley – Hunter to Pebble Hill –

A power point slide presentation (Exhibit A) in response to Mr. Ed Dentons request. There was discussion regarding the culvert, it is very narrow at that point but there is a 50' road right-of-way, the road width is 22'. There were options to perhaps extend the culvert, adding a lane, YIELD signs. Examples were provided in the power point. Hillcrest is about 167' off the intersection of Pebble Hill Road and perhaps a side path. Right-of-way on Pebble Hill is only 33' with 24' wide road, perhaps a bike lane, but there is limited right-of-way there.

Next Step: Ms. Goldman indicated it is part of Bicycle Route S and perhaps PennDOT would want to discuss it. Mr. Kelso stated that he will talk to Paul Garr, Road Superintendent, about the culvert and what if any improvements were needed there. Perhaps this project could be packaged with a larger grant later on. He indicated it would certainly make a difference for the community.

Chalfont Trails

Ms. Jacobson indicated that the new trail opened in Chalfont. The North Branch & Lindenfeld to Patriots Place. Aqua PA is working on a portion as well, that will tie in, people are using it.

Mr. Regosch indicated that if he could receive an updated copy of the map, he would wrap it into the County's Website.

New Britain Township – Bristol Road Extension –

There is old trail that has been expanded, it is a really great connector to Upper State Road.

Ms. Holewinski indicated that there is an old neighborhood that would connect to the Bristol Road Extension when it is done, in New Britain Township it needs a lot of work. It would be great for kids to walk to Pine Run Elementary.

There was discussion that the Bristol Road Extension Project is moving further along, it is on the TIP and maybe in 2027 could be bid. It certainly would add value as well.

The new section of trail at Upper State to Bristol has been completed as well. Everyone was complementary with the nice job at New Britain Township did at the trail off Upper State.

There is a map at the parking lot that is helpful.

Discussion on an app called Ride With GPS, it's free. Mr. Regosch indicated there are no plans for the County to add any apps associated with their online map from the website but perhaps in the future.

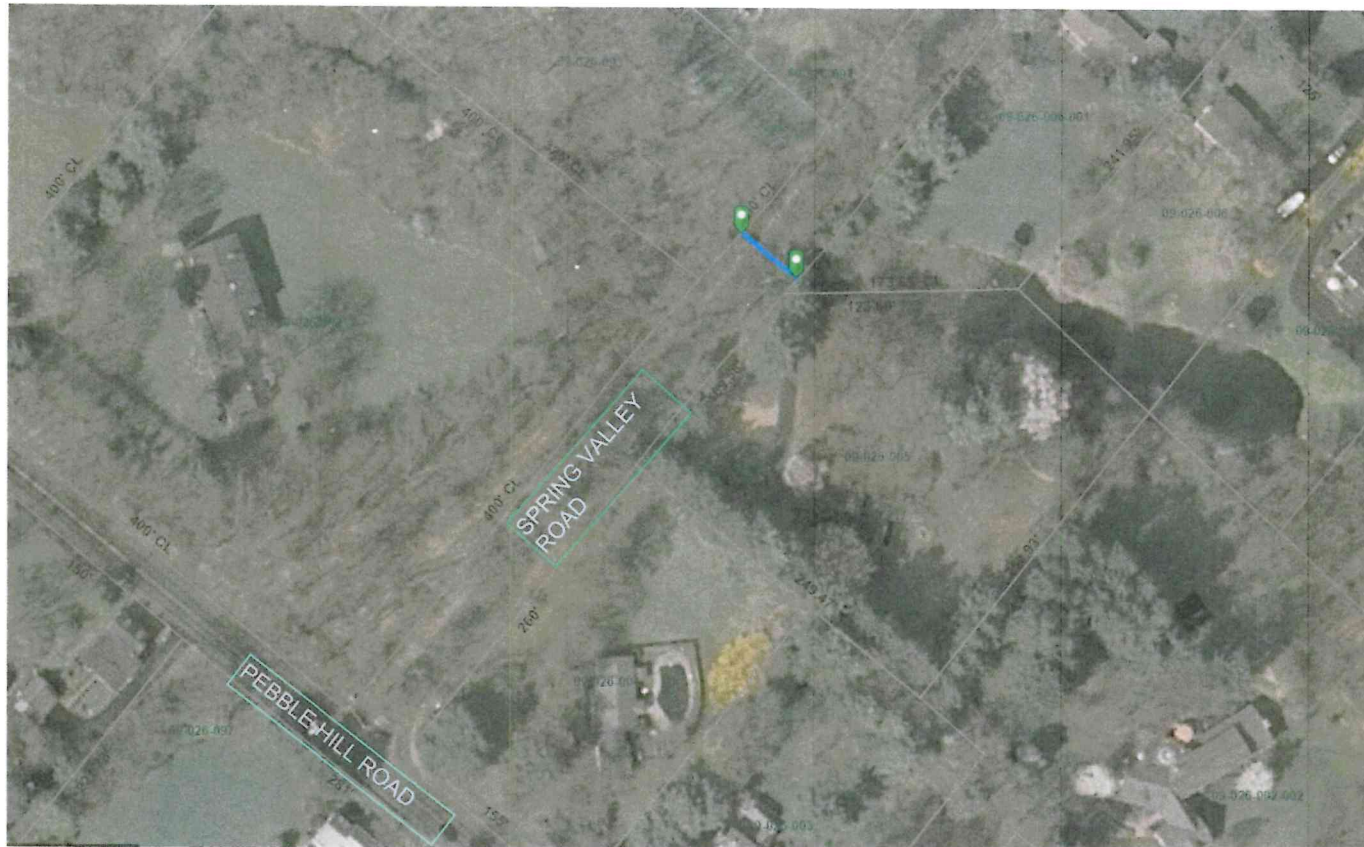
Adjournment – Being no further the meeting, on motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded Ms. Jacobson the meeting adjourned at adjourned at 8:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

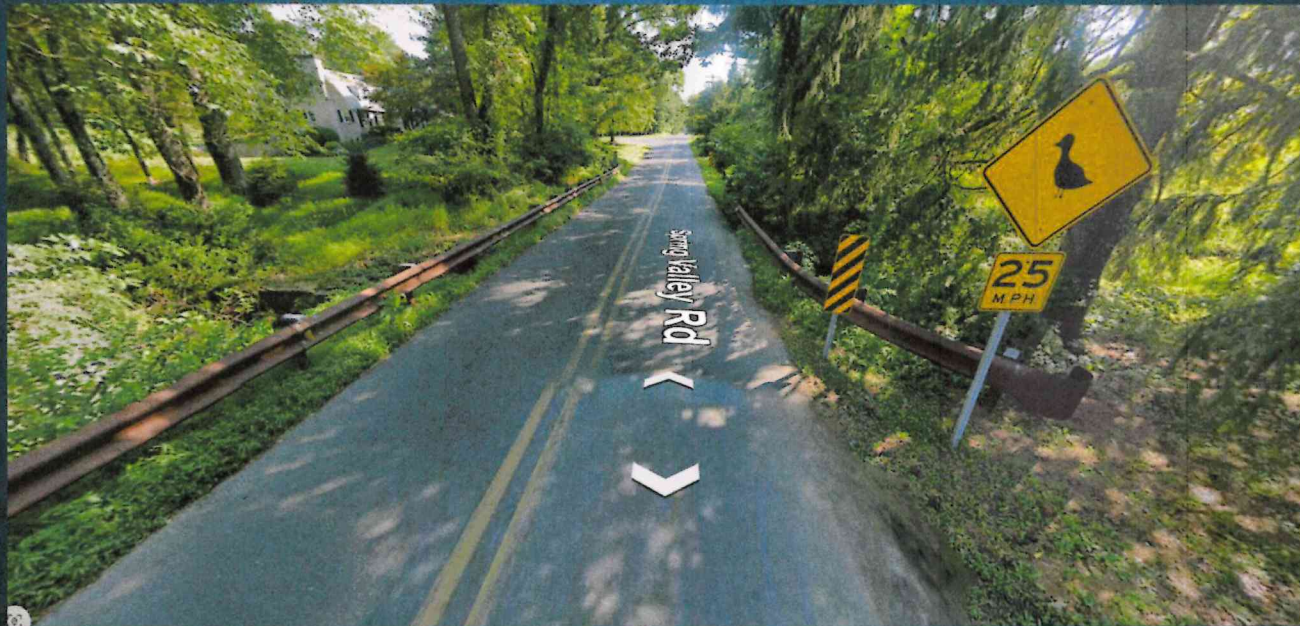
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Township Manager



**SPRING VALLEY / PEBBLE
HILL / HILLCREST
PEDESTRIAN & BIKE
TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT IDEAS**



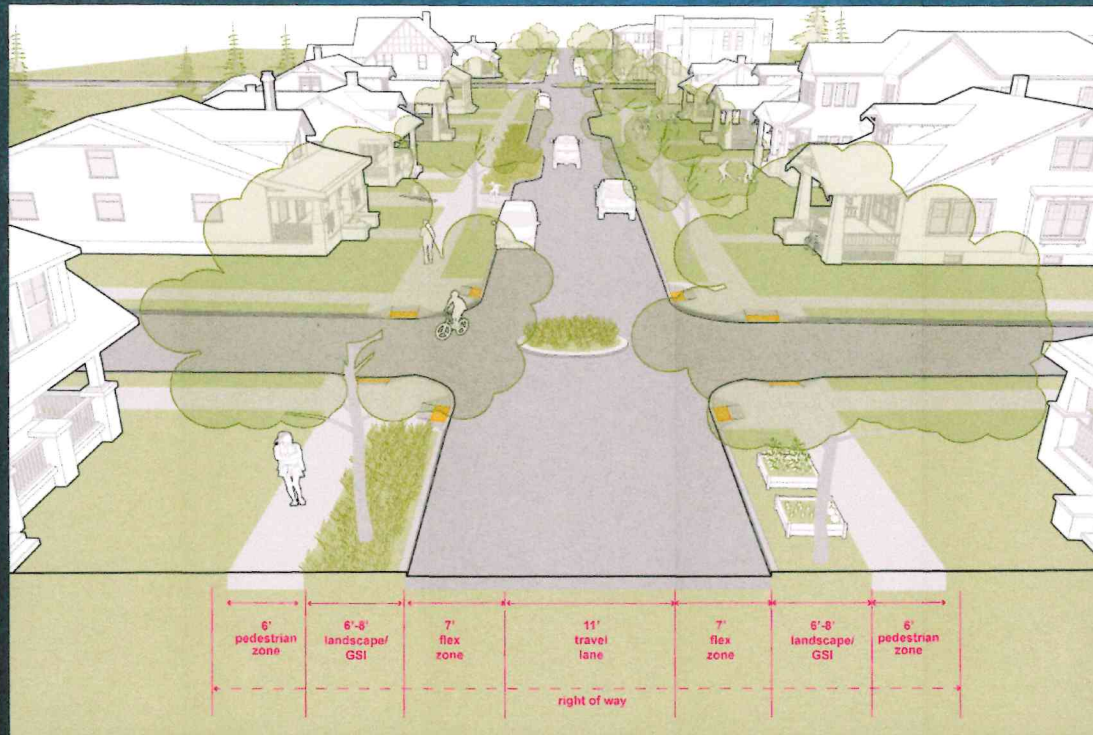
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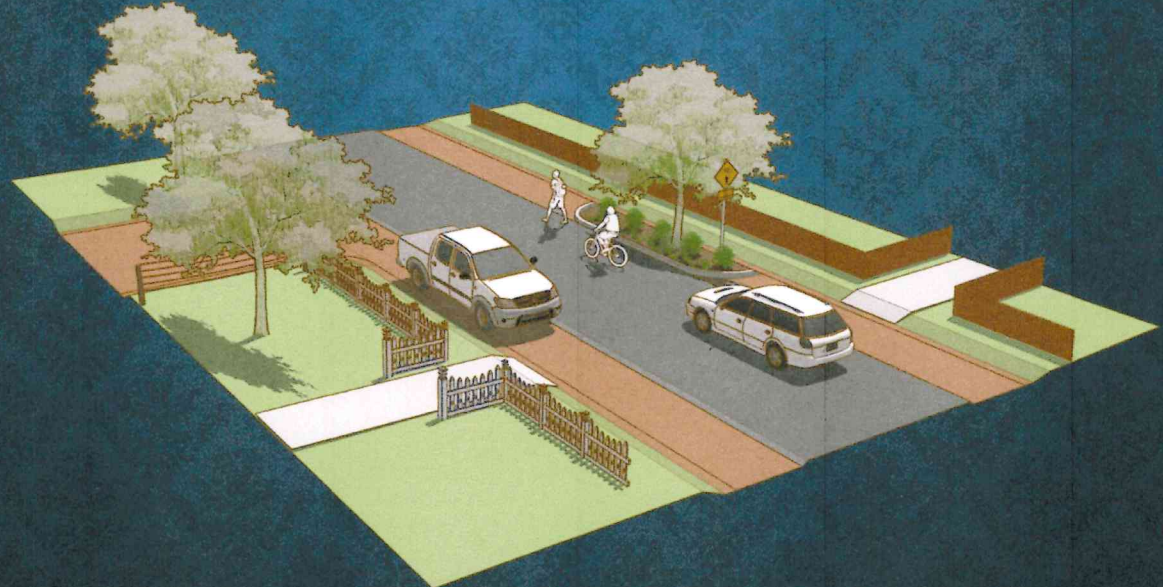


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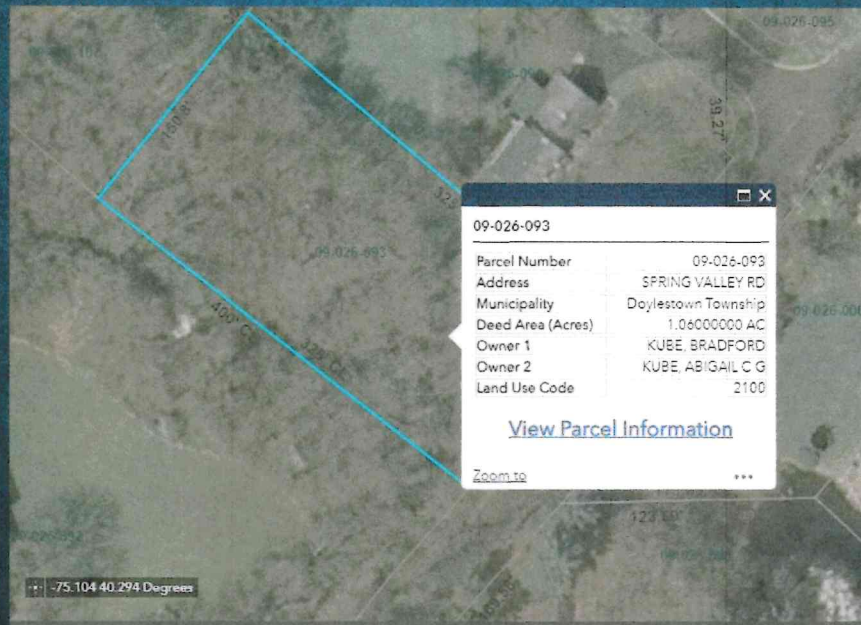
- EXISTING ROW – 50 FEET
- ROAD WIDTH – 22 FEET
- CULVERT TYPE –
- OPTIONS FOR CULVERT
 - EXTEND CULVERT TO WEST AND ADD BIKE LANE
 - CREATE A YIELD POINT
 - ADD SHARE THE ROAD SIGNS

RESIDENTIAL YIELD STREET





NORTHERN PARCEL AT CULVERT



PEBBLE HILL RD. CONNECTOR





Looking north toward Doylestown

PEBBLE HILL ROAD OPTIONS

- EXISTING ROW – 33 FEET
- ROAD WIDTH – 24 FEET
- OPTIONS CONNECTING SRING VALLEY TO HILLCREST
 - ADD BIKE LANE ON BOTH SIDES
 - LIMITED ROW
 - STONE WALL ON WEST SIDE
 - ADD SIDE PATH ON EAST SIDE
 - LIMITED OBSTICALS
 - ONLY ONE CROSSING NEEDED ON PEBBLE HILL
 - ADD SHARE THE ROAD SIGNS

SIDE PATH OPTION





09-026-004	
Parcel Number	09-026-004
Address	901 PEBBLE HILL RD
Municipality	Doylestown Township
Deed Area (Acres)	1.75500000 AC
Owner 1	BRADFIELD, ALEX M
Owner 2	
Land Use Code	1001
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