

**Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**October 15, 2024, 8:00 am**  
**Doylestown Township Municipal Building**

**Present:** Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Roger Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; Marilyn Jacobson; Larry Gage; Rick James; Nicole McElroy; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker Engineers; Rich Brahtler, Bucks County; Board of Supervisors Liaison Judy Dixon, and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

**Via Zoom:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman

**Guest:** Chris Smirga – Turk Road

**Welcome**

Mr. Kelso welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes Approval – September 17, 2024** – On motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Gage, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Easton Road Trail Township to Borough - Update**

Mr. Stanford indicated that he completed field survey work, preliminary design is underway, safety submission to PennDOT was done and he is working on environmental. He anticipates a scoping meeting with PennDOT, but nothing has changed. Suggested meeting with neighbors, Ms. Mason will send a letter to the house next to Tabor where the connection will be. No direct impact on the bridge with design, everybody complemented on the roundabout, Mr. Kelso stated he feels much safer.

**Pebble Hill Trail – Update**

Mr. Stanford indicated that since the committee didn't receive the Regional Trails Grant, he has been speaking to DVRPC about TASA support. It would be a small budget of approximately \$5,000 that DVRPC would pay him directly as he is a consultant for them, to come up with a master plan for Pebble Hill Road and address some of the difficult spots to tackle, maybe try evaluation especially related to the bridge but also DVRPC would be looking for the project to be phased and have this done.

Mr. Gage suggested having a subcommittee, have a map that is either CAD or PDF, address constraints also reach out to the neighbor with the pond as soon as possible. Waiting for DVRPC to let us know if Mr. Stanford could do some planning.

Mr. Clark indicated that the bike path on the Brooks Property is moving along.

**New Britain Road Trail Project – Update**

Mr. Stanford indicated that he is finishing up the last details and getting the bid package ready, which should go out later this fall. Hoping to see something start in the spring, we may need an extension of the grant from DCED.

**Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update**

Construction is winding down, trees to be planted on the Freed property by Marino donated by Feeney's on behalf of the committee. Final walk through is later this month and ribbon cutting will occur

**November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at Stonington Farms.**

Resident raised concern about access from Limekiln and the curve to Shady Retreat, unfortunately the design criteria for guiderails is such that we cannot accommodate those requests that we've had, we

would have to come down almost 100' along Shady Retreat which would obliterate the idea of access at the corner. This will need to be addressed perhaps in phase II of the trail project.

### **Safe Cycling for School Children – Update**

Ms. McElroy met with Mike Testani, Principal, Caitlin Hernandez, Doylestown Borough & Carly Wible of Bucks TMA, at Linden to discuss a ride to school as well as bike safety program. Looking at third & fourth graders, of course it will be determined on what Carly of Bucks TMA is available to do. She is also speaking to the PE teacher at Buckingham Friends for Bike Safety, third & fourth graders, the principle at Kutz is looking to do something with the fourth graders every year hoping to be able to do that. Ms. McElroy indicated that Ms. Rodowicz of Bucks TMA is out on bereavement, hoping to set these up for 2025. Kutz PE teacher is hoping to do two days of training and a ride. Doyle's principal is very interested and hoping to do a Bike to School Day.

### **Update County Trail Projects**

Mr. Brahler indicated that Neshaminy Greenway that TPD Engineering, is working with DVRPC. There are no major design changes at this time. They are looking to renew their environmental permits such as NPDES by the end of the year and get the Bucks County Conservation District Permits wrapped up shortly thereafter. Had Carroll Engineering sign off on the plans, keeping an eye on the ball. Funding and construction haven't changed the scope at this time, hoping for funding in late 2025.

### **Pump Track**

Ms. Goldman indicated that the Borough had a meeting to discuss two things, putting the Pump Track into concrete that would help reduce maintenance costs and also allow skateboards, looking to potentially having a skateboard park in the Borough perhaps at Fanny Chapman. She may help with this in a fundraising effort, she's been working with Ms. Wycoff on Borough Council as well. They are looking at how to pay for it, also Chris Blackwell from Nomad Skate Shop is very interested in having such a facility in the Borough, most likely at Fanny Chapman. Possibly finding a DCNR grant which would be a 50% match.

### **Prioritize List of Future Projects:**

#### **Proposed Trail at Pine Run**

Nothing to Report.

#### **Spring Valley – Hunter to Pebble Hill**

Nothing to Report.

**Adjournment** – Being no further the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason  
Township Manager