

**Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**March 18, 2025 8:00 am**  
**Doylestown Township Municipal Building**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Liz Wyckoff; Bruce Hochman; Roger Clark; Louise Silberg; Marilyn Jacobson; Mike Szilagyi, Michael Baker Engineers; Christian Regosch, Bucks County; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Mike Tulio, Alex Howe, David Shafkowitz, Esq. and Karl Janetka, Van Cleef Engineering – representing Doylestown Hill Development

**Welcome**

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were done.

**Minutes Approval – February 18, 2025** – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Clark the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Doylestown Hill – 1965 Turk Road**

Mr. Tulio & Mr. Shafkowitz presented the layout of the proposed land development. Mr. Janetka indicated that there are eight townhouses and two twins on the property that Snyder Road is paper street that will have a 5' wide sidewalk installed to allow properties within the development to walk out to Turk Road where appropriate trail crossing will occur onto the Township trail in front of Kutz Elementary School. The speed limit, which is 35MPH, School Zone Hours 15MPH. There was a question on sight distance, Mr. Janetka indicated that it is and well over 250' and appropriate ADA access will be provided as well.

**Green Street to Bucks County Public Library Trail**

Ms. Wyckoff from Doylestown Borough presented a proposed trail route for Bike/Hike consideration and support. The concept is to connect to the existing trail from Church Street through the Bucks County Library.

At present it requires people to go through the library parking lot, causing conflicts between cars, pedestrians and cyclists. There was discussion on best ways to improve this situation. Ms. Wyckoff is looking for input at that location, there are some steep slopes off of the parking lot. There are also trees and some limitations, there was some discussion about striping the parking lot with lanes, difficult.

Mr. Regosch suggested that the first step might be to put in some Bike/Hike signage so that the area could be delineated, creating a pathway configuration from the parking lot taking in concerns of stormwater. There was also some discussion that the Boy Scouts of America office may have some future plans for modifications. There was a suggestion to allow a connection on that property to the Library. Definitely need the Borough to consider having the trail along Green Street brought down the length of the BSA property. It was noted that the property abuts a paper street as well. There was some discussion about potential of a portion of that paper street to be utilized for trail in the future.

It was also suggested that the Borough consider working with Baker Engineers directly to review the Borough's project.

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

Trail design and environmental clearance is ongoing.

### **Pebble Hill Trail – Update**

DVRPC work order is ongoing for development of more detailed concept plan. Baker will have plans to present at the April meeting.

### **New Britain Road Trail Project – Update**

Design is complete, Township got an extension from DCED. So, the grant is extended until June of 2026. The plan is to advertise project in May. Receive contractor bids in mid-June, Township award in mid-July. Contractor starting the work in August / September tentative time frame as of now.

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

Linden Elementary completed their Bike Education Program at the end of February. Maybe working on a Bike to School Day, need to clarify with Ms. McElroy.

There was discussion that the Telecommunications Advisory Board (TAB) agreed to work with Ms. McElroy and Bucks TMA to create a video that could be used to educate PE teachers and students on safe cycling. There was also discussion about perhaps working with TAB on a promotional video about what the Bike/Hike Committee is doing especially in this area. Mr. Gage & Mr. Clark indicated that they may be willing to help with the script, although they believe it may be better for Ms. McElroy and Bucks TMA to develop it. Focus is on third and fourth graders to be consistent.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated the importance of getting information into the schools as outreach, some of it is supposed to be done through the PE classes. There was discussion that a box with tons of information on safe cycling was created back in the early 2000's and provided to each of the elementary schools although everyone is unsure if that material still exists in the schools. There was a suggestion about a letter from Ms. Goldman that could be sent to the school district PE Teachers and/or curriculum committee to help develop the program, Ms. Wyckoff agreed to draft the letter.

### **Update County Trail Projects**

Mr. Regosch shared two trail programs. The design of Almshouse is moving along and construction of Phase III at Core Creek Park ground breaking is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>. We should be receiving an invitation as the Bike/Hike Committee.

Mr. Regosch is updating the trail map for the Central Bucks Area and the various trails, he is going to make up the municipal maps as well. He will send them out to each municipality to look at the trail map for their community. He would like comments back as well as on the overall map.

Mr. Gage inquired about any coordination with Google Bike Layer, Mr. Regosch indicated that he hadn't considered that as the County has a pretty extensive program.

Mr. Szilagyi indicated that he has done it before, and the document shared with Google but never got an answer. Someone else suggested Ride with GPS as well.

The importance of the map for public use, safety and will show planned routes as well.

### **Pump Track**

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that the planning on refurbishing the Pump Track they are looking for sponsorship, they've opened up a Go Fund Me site, they need about \$35,000. They expect design to start later this year, maybe in the fall after the designer completes project in Chicago.

In addition, Borough is hosting an event at Broad Commons Park on May 13<sup>th</sup>, a family friendly fun event. The Bike/Hike Committee can have a table if they choose. The event will also raffle off a pool membership.

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

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

Ms. Mason indicated that she and Mr. Kelso met the new director at Pine Run and introduced the Bike/Hike Committee and the work they've done over the last 30 years. The trail system and the conservation that perhaps sometime in the future a connection from Pine Run Community to the existing Pine Run trail on the County property could occur. They were receptive to the concept.

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

Nothing new to report.

Ms. Goldman reminded everyone that in the packet is the information about E-Bikes, she recommended everyone review it, she was recently in Paris and having a plan is very important.

There was some information about grants and future funding from Federal Highway regarding transportation for bike lanes and everyone is just monitoring that at the moment and what might be available in the future.

**Adjournment** – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:08am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason  
Township Manager