

Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Notes
June 17, 2025 8:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Christian Regosch, Bucks County; Caitlin Hernandez, Doylestown Borough; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Mike Szilagyi, Michael Baker Engineers; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Welcome

Minutes Approval – May 13, 2025 – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Gage the minutes were unanimously approved with one correction. Under New Britain Road Trail Project – Update: alternate should be alternates.

Request from PEC to Make a Presentation at the Montgomery County & Bucks County Trail Summit- 10/11/25 @ 10am – Pennypack Ecological Reserve Trust in Huntington Valley, PA
Mr. Kelso agreed to volunteer and represent the Bike/Hike Committee at this event.

Pebble Hill Trail – Update

Mr. Szilagyi, Baker Engineers is working with the Borough on changes to the plan and trying to work within existing right of way vs. obtaining easements, some temporary construction easements will be needed. In addition, they'll be adding speed tables with one per block, this is all part of the Boroughs project. Triangular flashing beacon will be added at the crosswalk at the Country Club. The Borough is engaging with Baker directly, they will then apply for a TASA Grant later in the year.

Mr. Kelso indicated that Baker provided staff with at proposal to do the easements in the Township portion, Pebble Hill Road, for \$30,000. He believes some local pricing may be able to do that work for less. He will request the Boards permission to obtain some additions quotes to see what the best price is.

There was some discussion regarding budgeting concerns. Mr. Kelso reminded the group that in the beginning the Bike/Hike Committee did a lot of work themselves, they would work to get the grants and do some fundraising. If necessary, we will have to go back to "begging".

Mr. Gage inquired about the E-bikes and whether that could be a dedicated income stream for bike grants? There's been some discussion in perhaps the federal or state level.

Mr. Kelso indicated that the rate of building has slowed down so finding the projects may have hit the peak and to be honest we will never be done, so we will always have to look for opportunities. Make it easy to get grants and work on easements as needed creating safe trails.

New Britain Road Trail Project – Update

It was indicated that the bids have been received, low bid was from A. H. Cornell, it is on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for their consideration.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

Ms. Goldman indicated that Ms. McElroy continues to work with TMA Bucks and the schools on the topic.

Update County Trail Projects

Mr. Regosch indicated that Phase II of the trails at Core Creek Park for Neshaminy Greenway had their ground breaking. They are also working on Newtown Rail Trail design. Phase I at Neshaminy Manor continues to be under design, hoping for bidding in late 2025 or early 2026. Also, he provided an update that Mr. Brahler, long-time County employee in the area of transportation and bike trails, is retiring July 2nd.

Mr. Kelo suggested that perhaps the Township consider showing the extension of the trail over the Neshaminy Creek in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Regosch indicated that the trail in the Neshaminy Greenway Part 1 comes up from the Kelly Road area and goes across to the intersection with Barn Plaza near Grundy. He also indicated that the Neshaminy Manor was going to be demolished soon.

Mr. Kelso inquired as to whether or not Mr. Regosch was aware of any plans associated with that project. Mr. Regosch indicated it is not.

Pump Track

Ms. Hernandez indicated that the Go Fund Me is about \$5,000 away from the goal of \$50,000, the Borough is kicking in \$15,000 they are working on redoing the Pump Track. No date has been set at this time.

Prioritize List of Future Projects:

Proposed Trail at Pine Run

Mr. Kelso indicated that in his presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting later this evening he will remind the Board of the goals of the committee regarding this project and look to begin dialoging with the County and Pine Run working with them to perhaps develop trails, even woodchip trails. He also indicated that the proposed EV Bike Ordinance, he would like input from the solicitor before sharing with the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Clark indicated that he hopes the Township will be able obtain easements on Pebble Hill and maybe over on East Rd. would be helpful.

Mr. Kelso indicated that since it is a bit removed from the current project that it may be difficult.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology is working on the Bike/Hike logos in the welding class and should have something for the fall to share with the committee.

It was also suggested that perhaps we work with them on creating a bike rack with the logo.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that she would speak to them in the fall.

Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager