

Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Notes
July 15, 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; Louise Silberg, Buckingham Township; Caitlin Hernandez, Doylestown Borough; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Chris Stanford & Christian Varrato, Michael Baker Engineers; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Welcome

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes Approval – June 17, 2025 – Mr. Gage indicated that the minutes of June 17th need corrections. On page 2, Mr. Clark asked to add “now with current owners” to the sentence regarding East Road easements. He also suggested that Mr. Kelso’s comments referring to “it” should read “since East Road...” With those changes, on motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Gage, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Pebble Hill Trail – Update

Mr. Stanford indicated he is working with the Borough regarding Green Street plans, some curb extensions at Meadow Lane, utilizing existing bike lanes and sidewalk, revised plans will be provided to the Borough. Speed tables on two proposed stretches are being incorporated, especially one near the Country Club, it will have a proposed rectangular rapid flashing beacon. Some small retaining wall work is required as well. The Borough is dialoguing with property owners in the area. TASA Grant will need to be applied for later this year. The Bike/Hike Committee indicated that they would be supportive of the application, with a letter of support. Mr. Kelso suggested using speed tables for crosswalks, finding it more appealing and easier to maneuver, in addition to slowing down traffic.

Mr. Kelso indicated that during his presentation to the Board of Supervisors he indicated the need for additional proposals for easements. He’s going to obtain quotes for trying to get general blanket easement, therefore, not necessarily needing descriptions as this time. This will enable a general stake out and a little breathing room in the future.

New Britain Road Trail Project – Update

Bids were received and AH Cornell was awarded the bid, pre-con meeting was held, work is anticipated to begin mid-September. Still waiting on the final easement from the HOA.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

Ms. Goldman indicated that Ms. McElroy is in Maine at the moment, she is working on it. Mr. Clark noted that he saw kids not only on E-bikes but also on their cell phones. He thinks legislation should be considered regarding this.

Update County Trail Projects

Mr. Regosch indicated Phase I is in final design, hoping it will be able to go to bid in 2026. Phase 3 is progressing at Core Creek Park, also the Newtown Rail Trail is advancing. Quakertown is also funding a portion of the Upper Bucks Rail Trail in the area where SEPTA stores equipment. Looking to connect to Veteran’s Park in Quakertown. The next section will be .75 miles and connect to the Upper Saucon Rail Trail.

Pump Track

Ms. Hernandez indicated that they're about \$5,000 away, they have a lot of Bike Doylestown merch, being sold at the Farmers Market. They are still looking at fundraising. Ms. Goldman indicated that she would reach out to Cornell for possible donations to the Pump Track. No date for the project to start has been set, but they will be tabling at the Car Show as well.

Prioritize List of Future Projects:

Proposed Trail at Pine Run

Mr. Kelso has a written outline for the project and a memo of understanding drafted to be shared with the Pine Run and Bucks County; he's going to move that forward. He indicated that there was some concern about the neighborhood and wooded area up against Pine Run Community, but there is no vehicular access as a concern. Maintenance will be kept similar the way it is now with structure maintenance on the County.

There was also discussion on trees, Beech trees and blight concerns for trees near trails in and around the area.

It was suggested that the Committee cancel the August meeting due to summer vacations and that the work on the E-bike Ordinance is under review by the Township Solicitor.

The Committee indicated that they have noticed a lot of people and kids not wearing helmets. It is believed that those 12 and under are required to wear helmets. Working to get the word out is important.

Mr. Stanford talked about some land developments along the Edison Furlong / Pebble Hill and that this area connects to Pebble Woods and Pebble Valley along Edison Furlong and Pebble Hill. He proposed trails along there aren't shown on the bike/hike map at present but discussions for expansion are underway.

He suggested that a small group from the Committee get together and update the map. Mr. Regosch indicated that areas of trail he has put on the map at the County level should coordinate with Mr. Stanford's suggestions. Mr. Stanford showed how he added some blue lines to the existing map where additional trails are proposed. We need to get these updated so we can put them on the website. It was suggested that a little subcommittee, with Mr. Kelso, Mr. Regosch, Mr. Stanford, Ms. Hendrixson, Ms. Silberg and Ms. Dixon meet and go over the mapping.

Mr. Clark indicated that the macadam has some bad spots and needs some attention on the trail at the Farm Office Complex. Ms. Mason indicated she would check on who's responsible for maintenance.

Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50am. On motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hendrixson.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager