

Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Notes
October 21, 2025 8:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Emily Valmore; Larry Gage; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Christian Varrato, Michael Baker; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Via Zoom: Christian Regosch, Bucks County Planning Commission

Guest: Sgt, Jared Courts, Doylestown Township Police; Dan Behren, Resident; Elizabeth Naughton, Township Solicitor's Office; Kathy Brown, Park & Recreation Board

Welcome

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the meeting, everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes Approval – September 16, 2025 – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Ms. Jacobson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Doylestown Township Bike Safety & Trail Etiquette Program – Sgt. Jared Courts

Sgt. Courts shared the upcoming educational program he is hosting on Wednesday, November 5th, 6PM – 7:30PM at the Township Meeting Room. It's going to be an educational session, talking about helmets, hand signals, trail etiquette, PA Law on bikes & E-Bikes. He would appreciate it if members of the Bike/Hike Committee could be in attendance to be supportive and talk about the number of trails and years of service this committee has been developing the trail network through out the Township. He provided some statistics on bike accidents and concerns on E-Bikes and E-Scooters that are prevalent these days. He appreciated that the Township is working on an E-Bike Ordinance and hopes to be able to share a little of that with those in attendance. He is hoping for a good turnout, he also works with Carly at TMA and the committee talked about the work they do on educating school age children on bike safety. This is being promoted through social media, Township E-News, etc. He is working on a press release that can be sent to the Patch & the Herald. It was suggested that he reach out to Bruce Hochman, he may be able to participate and truly be an ambassador for the trials.

Ms. Jones & Ms. Jacobson indicated that the Bristol extension, a remote meeting is being held on 11/5 at 7PM, hopefully people can do both.

E-Bike DRAFT Ordinance

Ms. Naughton from the Township Solicitors office was present to review the proposed draft ordinance. As the Bike/Hike Committee knows they developed the draft initially. She stated that it has been reviewed by the Chief, changes are being incorporated, discussion about clear signage and Police powers under Second Class Township. She talked about the extra room on either side of the trails two feet or grater; it was suggested to leave it general as it does vary from trail to trail. Posting speed limits or putting it in the chapter as an average, there are a requirement on E-Bikes as to how fast they can go, 15MPH seems to be what we'd like. Obviously, anyone under 16 needs a helmet, that is state law. Discussion about cargo bikes and tandems needs to be included and discussion about Central Park or trails that are 8' or less may need to be prohibited in certain areas in the park by signage. This was determined to be vital by consensus of the committee.

Ms. Brown from the Park & Recreation Board appreciated that input.

Reviewed: Section 14 - regarding dogs on leashes being ok. Section 17 - posting areas for bike & E-Bikes at 15mph. Section 18 – 19 - will be incorporated from Chief Zeigler comments.

Ms. Naughton appreciated the input from the Bike/Hike Committee.

Pebble Hill Road Trail – Update

Mr. Stanford indicated Phase I in the Borough is moving forward with a TASA grant application with a concept. Planning for the Country Club, working to get that piece done, showing progress by January 2027 with clearing and mulching later in 2026. Working on proposed easements, needs survey work. Mr. Kelso is obtaining quotes.

Reviewed a letter that Ms. Goldman had sent to the Borough regarding connecting the path near the Boy Scouts of America office from the one property on Hillendale. Mr. Stanford explained that although her letter suggests more path is needed, that is not the way the Borough wants to go at this time. With the application they are relying on the bike lane with crosswalks and rapid flashing beacons. At this point that all the Borough is intending to have the plans. Ms. Goldman doesn't believe there is enough space, also there are easements needed so it is not really doable. Mr. Gage indicated that he frequently uses this area and there is a lot of pedestrians to deal with transition. Mr. Stanford indicated that there would be speed tables and crosswalks with rapid flashing beacons.

New Britain Road Trail Project – Update

Under construction, moving along quickly.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

According to Ms. Goldman, Ms. McElroy is working on that with Linden and Doyle, hopefully Kutz Elementary as well and TMA Bucks.

Update County Trail Projects

Mr. Regosch indicated that Neshaminy Greenway Phase I, they are wrapping up design in January 2026, the bidding probably summer 2026, construction maybe late fall of 2026 or early 2027.

The maps are ready to be updated, just need final review then good to go.

Pump Track

Ms. Goldman indicated that the fundraising they're plugging away, they have raised most of the funds. Witches ride has over 300 riders.

Prioritize List of Future Projects:

Proposed Trail at Pine Run

Moving along, but nothing to report.

Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:29am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager

