

Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Notes
March 17, 2026 at 8:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Nicole McElroy; Emily Valmore; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Mike Bateman, Buckingham Township; Louise Silberg, Buckingham Township; Caitlyn Hernandez, Doylestown Borough; Christian Regosch, Bucks County Planning Commission; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Welcome

Minutes Approval – February 17, 2026 – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the committee unanimously approved the February 17, 2026 minutes. With one change on page 1, under E-Bike Ordinance – Updated Draft, second paragraph, changed the word “questioned” Title 75 to “emphasized” Title 75.

E-Bike Ordinance – Updated Ordinance

Ms. Mason indicated that the Bike Ordinance was on the Board of Supervisors agenda for a Public Hearing this evening.

Ms. Dixon commented about the size of paths, she noted that some of the paths in Buckingham were less than 8.

Mr. Clark questioned the 100lbs and he and Mr. Kelso indicated that 75lbs was more reasonable and a traditional weight.

E-Scooters was noted in publication 75 but not really being stressed here.

Ms. Valmore questioned the scooters with seats and Ms. McElroy conferred that it is something that is occurring and Ms. Dixon indicated that our ordinance really starts with obey rules and follow the speed limits at this time.

Pebble Hill Trail – Update

Ms. Mason provided an update that was received from Mr. Stanford. The Doylestown Country Club Easement. We will work on construction later this year. He is applying for a grant for the Township to build the bridge and also another grant for Doylestown Borough to move forward with their section of the project.

Ms. Mason indicated that she sent a letter to the Pebble Hill Road residents and when we meet in the field to walk Country Club it will be helpful to meet with those residents as well.

New Britain Road Trail Project – Update

Ms. Mason indicated that the project is 95% complete. As spring gets closer, we will be able to finalize that and host a ribbon cutting.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

Ms. McElroy indicated that there are no updates, but she has been trying to connect with Yvonne Custer a/k/a YOYO. At the end of the meeting, she received an email back. She will coordinate with Ms. Hernandez and work with Ms. Custer to work on a video about bicycling safety with children. She will report back shortly.

Update County Trail Projects

Mr. Regosch indicated that there are no major updates at present, however, he indicated that Phase I final design is being taken care of at this point hoping to be to bid in the spring. Prices did go up and they were needing more funding and PennDOT granted additional funding.

Phase 3 of the Neshaminy Greenway is in Core Creek Park, it is expected to open in June or July.

Ms. Mason asked about the map, he finished and updated the County but there was a staff member at the Township who was working on the Township map so it can be in the format, he has sent everything to Baker Engineers as well.

Mr. Bateman, Buckingham Township indicated that he's hoping Buckingham Township can continue to work on adding more trails, he indicated that a recent settlement with a property owner and developer will bring additional trail and it will connect to Stoney Lane and probably ½ to ¾ towards Plumstead. He asked where other trail sections could be made, it was agreed that Cold Spring Creamery and Burnt House Hill connected Hansel and Bush Park would be beneficial.

Ms. Hendrixson said that wide connections for sports would be helpful.

Ms. Holewinski asked about the estimated cost for miles of trails, what it was and what it is now.

Mr. Kelso indicated that when we were first starting out it was about \$38 thousand a mile now it is about \$1 million a mile due to all the environmental and ASHTO requirements that must be met. However, most of the grants offer to provide funding for construction and municipalities are responsible for the design, engineering and permitting thereby making it much more reasonable to install trails also, the opportunity presents itself.

Ms. Mason explained how the Doylestown Community Trail System was designed 34 years ago with the Borough being the center of the wheel as a hub and all the links out to the Township were wheel and spoke. Safety was most important but also being able to get to commercial, educational and recreational spots.

Pump Track

Ms. Hernandez indicated that it's a swamp right now but they're hoping to get the site ready and do the construction as soon as the weather permits with dirt sculptors.

Prioritize List of Future Projects:

Proposed Trail at Pine Run

Mr. Kelso indicated that he extended the proposed MMO for future connections to the Board they agreed to have Township legal review it and then those proposals will be sent out to the County and Pine Run.

Adjournment – Being no further the meeting adjourned at 8:39am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager