

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
December 18, 2012**

Present: Lynn Goldman, Marilyn Jacobson, Mary Pat Holewinski, Robin Trymbiski, Steve White, Judy Hendrixson, Tom Kelso, Andy Hamilton, Dick Patterson, Chris Stanford, and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Destination Peace Valley Update

Patty Price, concerned resident of the Pine Run area, along with another resident were present as they had heard about the Destination Peace Valley Trail and had some concerns.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she had spoken with Mrs. Price as did Ms. Mason and was so glad that she was in attendance today.

Ms. Price indicated that years ago that the NWRA, when the property was under their control had some restrictions, she was concerned that the proposal for a trail may impact the property.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he along with Mr. Stanford, from Baker Engineers, Ms. Mason, Mr. John, from Doylestown Township, Ms. Goldman walked the property and agreed that it is a beautiful property, there is already a maintenance road, it is the intent of the committee not to pave the path but to just utilize a crush stone or enhance the stone path that is already in existence, making it more accessible to people who utilize the county property already. This property will connect to the New Britain Borough Civic Association property on Keeley Avenue, near the covered bridge a new footbridge will be installed over the creek and connect with existing paths on Keeley Ave.

Deb Bernstein, a resident, indicated that she was pleased to hear that, it is an area that she utilizes.

There was some question at the which side of the soccer fields on the Covered Bridge Park would be utilized. Ms. Holewinski, New Britain Borough, indicated that it is still to be determined, whether it will be the north side or the south side of the soccer field but is looking to keep the area natural by using the crushed stone, but still making it handicap accessible.

Some of the signage that was noted on the property is conflicting and certainly we can help the county in regards to that.

Obviously, keeping dogs on leashes, more control of that would be helpful as well for the county.

It was suggested that a design sub-committee with New Britain Borough, the Civic Association, residents, the county and members of the Bike/Hike Committee be formed as we continue to move forward with this project.

Shelbourne Tract

Joe Zadow and Tom Hanna from Gilmore Associates were here on behalf of the project.

The plans proposed for the site on route 611, just up from Kelly Road, were reviewed.

Having available more 5' wide sidewalks would be helpful, connecting properties in the area would also be helpful.

The Bike/Hike Committee was pleased with what the applicant was proposing.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail – DVRPC Grant – Update

The Delaware Valley College easement agreement has been received. Since the Township completed the pedestrian bridge on Wells Road under budget we are going to request additional funding to be transferred to be used for part of the second phase for the project to help with the Army Corp and Phase II.

Chalfont/New Britain easement is still needed and we need to meet with the Conservation District as well.

PECO Green Region Grant is being applied for. This will be for signage along the parkway. Chalfont is also applying for a grant as well.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that January 2nd the County Bike Plan is anticipated to be approved.

Being no further business Ms. Goldman wished everyone Happy Holidays and looks forward to seeing everyone next year.