

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting October 15, 2013

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman, Marilyn Jacobson, Rick Colello, Bob Ruddy, Shawn Touhill, Joanne Happ, New Britain Township, Andy Clark, Bruce Taylor, Tom Kelso, Judy Hendrixson, Andy Hamilton, Mary Pat Holewinski, Steve White, Chris Stanford and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Destination Peace Valley Update

This is moving along. 2014 budgeted with Doylestown Township and New Britain Borough. We have the connection for paperwork with Bucks County. We will need to look at other permits needed for this project.

Signage

Mr. Ruddy indicated that he made an 8' post. It was made with 2.5 bags of concrete and rebar. He thinks it can be used as a standard post; in addition the green hoops with logos will be used as well for the various locations.

After the meeting everyone will go out and look at the post created by Mr. Ruddy.

Trail Ride

Ms. Goldman indicated that she had participated in one in Vermont and it is a great way to show off the trails. It was suggested that different levels of rides could be done, an explorer ride with various stops, perhaps gifts given, doing family fun rides. Ms. Goldman and Mr. Ruddy will get together and work to do something in the spring. Also, create color coded loops for rides.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail Update

Phase III received \$188,000 grant to continue the trail to Blue Jay Park. This will involve engineering and easement acquisition. In the meantime, the parkway to Upper State Road, waiting on permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and DEP. May have to do historical architectural compliance work. Waiting on word from PAMC. Need the Army Corp and wetlands to bless it and resubmitting plans with and anticipated spring construction.

Facebook Updated

If each municipality provides information. We can talk about what is happening. The video cam is complicated at this point but we could have a photo contest.

Signs

Mr. Hamilton suggested installing small signs, perhaps on the street to get from place to place. Also the trail map would be helpful.

SEPTA – Lower State Road

The SEPTA improvements, which are long term improvements. Looking to make that area safer. More study of the area is needed.

Sketch Plan – RT 313 & 263

Mr. Kelso stated that there is a shopping center sketch plan located at RT 313 & 263 it will be going to the Board of Supervisors and they have no plan for a trail. He is going to suggest that be considered, also ways to extend it into Buckingham.

Complete the Circuit

Mr. Hamilton spoke with municipalities and believes that the counties need to focus on replenishment of the William Penn Foundation money that has been used in leveraging dollars to secure future funding.

9:00AM Meeting with Residents from New Britain Borough

The Committee discussed the Neshaminy Trail with residents of New Britain Borough living on Tamanend, taking the trail to the New Britain Train Station. They were very receptive to the idea but did have concerns about storm drainage and how that would be addressed as well as landscaping and the impact on their properties. A site visit and future drawings will be provided.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am.