

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
December 17, 2013**

Present: Lynn Goldman, Sarah Patterson, Baker Engineers, Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers, Bob Ruddy, Andy Clark, Tom Kelso, Steve White, Judy Hendrixson, Shawn Touhill, Marilyn Jacobson, Rick Colello and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Hallmark Homes Group – Minor Final Subdivision

Gia Raffaelli, John Maczonis and Rich Carroll were in attendance at the recommendation of the Planning Commission. They will be seeking approval this evening from the Board of Supervisors on a Minor Final Subdivision Plan. Two homes on Shady Retreat Road, looking for the grant of an easement, perhaps fee simple for a 25' wide Bike Trail Easement.

There was discussion regarding the plan and the location and access points from both Buelah and Shady Retreat Roads, it will need to be denoted it with appropriate fencing. Conclusion was to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the plan incorporate the Bike Easement, that it be installed with gravel temporarily until asphalt can be arranged through the Township and that it be identified with appropriate fencing at the entry ways on both Buelah and Shady Retreat Roads.

Destination Peace Valley - Update

We need a plan to show the County, also need to speak with Bill Mitchell at the County about the entry way and slope as it approaches Covered Bridge Park.

Moving forward with Bucks County Conservation District for the plan as well.

Neshaminy Greenway Tail – DVRPC Grant - Update

Phase I from the Parkway to Upper State Road. PHMC has to do an archeological Phase I Study; AD Marble will start that hopefully next week, weather dependent. They will be doing test pits every 75'. The hope is that we will be able to start this project sometime in the spring of 2014 when things are all sorted out with them.

Mr. Kelso has spoken with John Schmidt about the Chalfont/New Britain Sewer Authority putting in a stormwater detention facility with wetland plantings. They will need permits and possibly looking for some waivers that coordinate with the trail.

In early winter the Township coordinated with DCNR a meeting and invite everyone to talk about what we can do to further plans for Bike/Hike Trails in and around our communities.

Recent funding under Act 13: New Britain Borough - \$150,000; Chalfont - \$150,000 and Doylestown Township - \$221,000.

Ms. Goldman suggested that we look at Chapman Road as an alternative connection to Peace Valley Park, it is wide enough to allow bikes and walkers in the street and then use the existing parcel of land by the DTMA Water Tower as to cut across and access the mid-block crossing on Ferry Road.

On motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Jacobson, Lynn Goldman was unanimously selected as Chairman of the Bike/Hike Committee for 2014.

On motion of Ms. Goldman, seconded by Jacobson, Tom Kelso was unanimously selected as Vice Chairman of the Bike/Hike Committee for 2014.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager