

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
January 21, 2014

Present: Lynn Goldman, Bob Ruddy, Roy Reider, Warrington Township, Peter Fernandez, Judy Hendrixson, Ray Hendrick, Tom Kelso, Marilyn Jacobson, Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers, Mary Pat Holewinski, Steve White, Andy Hamilton, Andy Clark, Dick Patterson, Ken Snyder, Bruce Taylor, Sarah Patterson, Baker Engineers and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Destination Peace Valley - Update

DCNR Grant \$200,000 matching grant with New Britain Borough.

Mr. Stanford showed the committee the plans with the improved existing maintenance road on the back side of the damn, path to be installed to the Civic Association property on the north side of the soccer field connecting below, the pavilion, past the rest rooms, near the meadow, past the parking lot and crossing the creek about 125' from the covered bridge tying into the existing path on Keeley Avenue.

Surfacing on the maintenance road portion will continue to be crushed stone; it is a soft surface but has good drainage. The rest of the path will be an asphalt surface. We believe this is the best solution for the area.

Hoping to save money by doing the bridge in house, the paths will be bid for excavation and construction.

The township and borough will hopefully have volunteers or use in house staff to clear the area.

Spoke with Bill Mitchell regarding the entrance way, the county asked us to provide some sample gates, discouraging parking at that area. The thought is possibly simple bollards similar to what we have at Central Park; they are low maintenance as well.

E&S Plan is about 90% done; we will have it go to the County Conservation District for approval. The Bridge area will need to be submitted to PHMC, we will also need signs and way finding but all the slopes at this point meet ADA requirements with a 5% grade.

DCNR will need recognition on the sign.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail – DVRPC Grant - Update

This is the section from the Parkway to Upper State Road in addition to DVRPC the Township is using Open Space funding.

The archeological study was completed and they found nothing, so within 30 – 45 days PHMC will issue the permit. Army Corp Permit for construction has already been received. Anticipating construction this summer, we will be bidding the excavation and paving in the spring. The upfront work will be done by Township forces over the summer. Things should be done by fall.

Proposed Press Release – Neshaminy Greenway Trail

The County is having a meeting on January 28, 2014 at the Doylestown Library. The committee would like this information put on the Township and Borough websites. It will show where the County is proposing a trail from there to the feeder of the Neshaminy, Dark Hollow..

Ms. Mason will have Margaret Trageser send a reminder sent to everyone.

Kiosks on Lower State Road

Mr. Kelso indicated that he is working with Dick John and Bob Ruddy has agreed to provide the posts for free, the Township will supply the material. The post will go at various intersections; there was a suggestion to put the Bike/Hike Logo on it.

The main kiosk area is Lower State Road and Route 202 with the three-panel design with information. Along with the kiosks maps, Mr. Hendricks, Chairman of the EAC indicated that he would like to put information on the panels about birds as there are 175 bluebird boxes in the Township, 14 along the trail and would like to be able to provide information. The committee was fine with that request.

Poole's Corner

Part of this project is going to have a 6 - 8' shoulder, planning is almost done, should be out to bid shortly. There will be a Park n Ride and the trail. PennDot is working to finalize storm water at this point.

Grants

Mr. Stanford indicated that there are two grants available: The first is TAPS, which is the new state funding grant. The recommendation was to look at putting in an application for the Lower State Road Trail including the SEPTA rail line pedestrian crossing. The second is a DCNR, we should apply and look at completing the section of Upper State Road to the New Britain Train Station.

Mr. Kelso indicated that the Neshaminy Greenway Trail has a lot of opportunities for environmental improvements and education.

Other Business

There is a Copenhagen Wheel which helps bikes work as electric bikes.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager