

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
July 15, 2014

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman, Tom Kelso, Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough, Chris Stanford & Sara Patterson, Baker Engineers, Paul Gordon, Mary Pat Holewinski, Rick Colello, Doylestown Township Supervisor and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Destination Peace Valley – Update

Mr. Stanford indicated that this is currently under construction and the drainage pipes were being installed, the clearing was done at the bridge to Pine Run Reservoir, stone is going down and the creek to the pavilion progress is being made, E&S controls are in. There were two hollow trees near the soccer fields that had to come down. The additional permitting for the upstream pedestrian bridge is underway as well.

Sensory Trail

Barwis completed the paved trail and the Lions Club is looking at installing a rope guide for the sight impaired, the rope is rather expensive so they are looking at alternative treatments.

Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail – Update

Moving forward, the clearing has been done, the drains are going in and expect finishing at the end of September. There is a small bridge as part of this, we shifted money from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Phase I to this project. There was a change order for the location of the top soil as well.

Bike/Hike Ride – September 28, 2014

Ms. Goldman indicated that there is a question with a website, Doylestown Bike/Hike.com, it is outdated, the Borough owns the site, it has limited information.

Paul Boger is helping with the ride and is trying to figure out a tag line that could be used. He is questioning whether the Borough wants to give up the site and create something that is a little bit more useable. They are also creating a flyer that can be used.

Bruce Taylor Resignation

We are sorry to see him go. He did a great job on the History of the Committee.

Status from Neighboring Municipalities on their Bike Plans

Chalfont Borough – Winding a trail behind Borough Hall that will connect to Twin Streams on Butler Ave. The car wash property owned by Whitney Watson, they are hoping that something will happen there. They did receive a DVRPC Grant for \$800,000 for the Neshaminy Greenway from Lenape Lane to Upper State Road, that has a 2016 deadline. They will be working with New Britain Township, New Britain Borough and Doylestown.

Blue Jay down to Unamni School, they are obtaining easements from neighbors.

The County indicated that their plan for a trail is moving forward which takes you from Doylestown Township to the forks of the Neshaminy. They will hopefully have approval later in July.

Grants

DCED Greenway Trail – application will be going in next week. Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor approval anticipated at their meeting tonight, July 15th.

County Update

They are moving forward to meeting various neighbors in the Lower Neshaminy and the Middle section, where groups are not necessarily interested. They do have some places that are but they are trying to move the concept along. The Upper Neshaminy adopted the study and the easements are anticipated will come quickly. Obviously the need to know where the various properties are and the ones that the County holds. They are hoping to be able to work with Heritage Conservancy in obtaining some help.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned, the next meeting will be August 19th at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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