

## **Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting September 16, 2014**

**Present:** Steve White, Roy Reider, Warrington Township, Louise Silbert, Buckingham Township, Tom Kelso, Dick Patterson, Sarah Patterson, Baker Engineers, Judy Hendrixson, Marilyn Jacobson, Mary Pat Holewinski, Andy Clark, Lynn Goldman, Chairman, Andy Hamilton, Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy, Rachel Mauer, YMCA, Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisor Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

### **Destination Peace Valley Bridge – Update**

Ms. Patterson reported that they are working on the bridge at Peace Valley. Most of the work has been completed by the contractor. There was an issue, they had to build up the side in the woods and this was asked for by runners, so there was additional soil. Things look good.

Mr. Keslo said that he had been out there and the unpaved portion at the reservoir is not working quite well, there was crushed stone put down to meet the needs of the residents at the early meeting, however, this is not optimal – we have a change order to put some fine crushed stone on top what is there and roll it to make it a little bit easier to ride on.

The committee believed that was the best route and made a recommendation on motion of Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Jacobson. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelso indicated that the bridge is not quite ready at the time of the bid, because we still needed permits that were not quite ready. The permits have been received. Prices are starting to be gathered, there is discussion right now as the optimal size of the bridge and depth of the pylons will need to be in crossing the bridge.

More information will be forthcoming.

### **Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail – Update**

Mr. Kelso indicated that it looks like they are ready to pave. They are setting the steel for the bridge over the wetlands. The Township will do the wood decking since it is very low level bridge over the wetland there is not rail required. We may need some volunteers to help, as well.

Soil was put on the edge of the path for runners.

The portion from White Eagle Labs former property is also being put in; it should be done within the next two weeks.

Ribbon cutting is anticipated sometime in October. Perhaps middle of the week, possibly a Wednesday.

More information to come.

### **Bike/Hike Ride Trail Awareness Day – September 28, 2014**

Starting at 8:00AM. Maps for the various rides have been posted. Posters and signs are up an about around town, have been added to the websites. It was suggested to add the website address to the flyers as well. Trying to get as many flyers and information out there.

Everything will kick off from Doylestown Hospital parking lot. Mr. Hamilton has bells that can be handed out to participants.

### **Annual Bike Tour**

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the bus from Delaware Valley College will be at the Township Building at 8:00AM. The bus can accommodate quite a number of people, the hope is that as many committee members as would like to.

We will look at the new segments, the Neshaminy Greenway, the portion in Chalfont and the portion in Peace Valley as well.

### **Other Business**

The YMCA did bike safety training for kids prior to the Thompson event in town last weekend.

### **Neshaminy Greenway Chalfont & Upper State Road**

The Neshaminy Greenway Phase III, Upper State to the Parkway. Doylestown Township representatives met with Doylestown Township residents at the Buelah Cemetery on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting went well, all those in attendance were very interested in seeing the trail completed. A lot of them said that they utilize the train station, the R5 Line, and thought that having a trail along the road versus walking in the roadway would make it much safer.

There is also a meeting tonight at the New Britain Township Park & Recreation Board regarding the trail portion from Blue Jay Park to Upper State Road.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00AM. The next meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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