

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
November 18, 2014**

Present: Sarah Patterson, Dick Patterson, Bob Ruddy, Paul Gordon, Bucks County, Judy Hendrixson, Joe Salvati, TAB, Tom Kelso, Roy Reider, Warrington Township, Lynn Goldman, Andy Clark, Chris Stanford, Peter Fernandez, Jeff Knowls, DCNR, Steve White, Mary Pat Holewinski, Bill Wert, Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisor Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Recap of Trail Dedication – Close Out of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway, Destination Peace Valley

Mr. Knowls was at the dedication of the events at the Neshaminy Greenway and Destination Peace Valley; he complemented the Committee for their hard work in getting these projects constructed. He also indicated that there will be a presentation at the PSATS Conference in Hershey in April; “Building Trails Across Borders”. Ms. Mason is participating in the presentation and Tim Tipperman from Warrington Township, if anyone else from the Committee would like to participate they can.

Mr. Kelso reported that the success of the trails and the dedication was very well attended, he appreciated everyone’s help. Most of the projects and the close out of all of them are done.

The Peace Valley Bridge still needs to be completed.

The Board of Supervisors at their meeting, Tuesday, November 18th will review the amendment of the contract for Barwis to complete the bridge installation over the winter.

New Grants Received

Ms. Mason reported that the Township has received \$326,000 50% Matching Grant from DCNR for the Phase III of the Neshaminy Greenway. This project will take us from Upper State Road to the Train Station in New Britian.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$652,000. Design work will begin in 2015.

It was also reported that New Britain Borough has received a grant that will enable them to bring the trail from Butler Ave. down to the Train Station as well. The two communities will need to work with SEPTA on having the appropriate at grade crossing into the SEPTA station. This is certainly a win-win for both communities in moving these projects together and improving access to sidewalks in the area as well as access to elementary schools and the train station.

CFA Grant \$182,042 – Project cost is \$204,267 for the Heritage Trail.

This grant is through the Department of Community and Economic Development. It is 1/3 of a mile, including jersey barriers over the bridge on Rt. 611 South and connects into the existing trail on Turk Road in front of Kutz Elementary School, one of the original sections of trail in the Township. It will be nice to see this project completed and begin extending the trail system into the Village.

TAP Grant \$792,634 – Project cost is \$871,634 trail along Lower State Road from the YMCA to the Rt. 202 Parkway. There are easements that are needed from several property owners and will include probably fixing the wall on the Ball Property. We will need to follow federal guidelines very specifically for this project.

It will be administered through the DVRPC and the kick off meeting with them will take place next couple of weeks.

Other Business

Mr. Fernandez indicated that Feeney's Nursery will be donating plant material and will coordinate with Butch Froelich, Park Supervisor, where those plants will go in the Township.

Mr. Gordon reported that he is working with Bucks County on the Neshaminy Greenway heading towards the forks of the Neshaminy along Rt. 611. He is hoping that as a match with other grants that they will be able to develop the trail along the Neshaminy in and around County lands working towards the forks.

There are three proposals at this point that are being presented to the County and it will depend on which one the County hopes to fund. The portion in Doylestown Township tends to be the portion that has the easiest access. The past success of the Bike/Hike Committee may lend itself to this portion being selected.

Mr. Salvati thanked the Committee for their participation in the video that they did for the Trail Awareness Day.

He spoke about working with the Committee and having segments presented in snippets for the Telecommunication's DTV Channel.

He also spoke about his role as Vice Chairman of the Friends of Kids Castle Committee and is impressed with the work of the Bike/Hike Committee and commitment to receiving grants. He indicated that the second phases of the Kids Castle were to incorporate play equipment that would benefit children with special needs. Also, adding an area for children ages 2 – 5.

Mr. Reider, Warrington Township, indicated that they too received a grant from DCNR for design in the amount of \$72,000 for the Rt. 202 to Bradford Dam connection.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00AM. The next meeting will be December 16th at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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