

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting  
December 16, 2014**

**Present:** Tom Kelso, Marilyn Jacobson, Mary Pat Holewinski, Judy Hendrixson, Sarah Patterson, Roy Reider, Warrington Township, Dick Patterson, Bob Rudy, Andy Clark, Paul Gordon, Bucks County, Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers, Bill Wert, Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisor Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

**Review of New Projects**

Mr. Kelso reviewed the Lower State Road project with the Committee. He indicated that the Township met with DVRPC and PennDot representatives to discuss the project and to get the time line, which is to have the design completed by the fall of 2016, with construction in 2017.

Baker Engineers and Ms. Mason met with Andy Gillespie at SEPTA, review both the Neshaminy Greenway Phase III destination to the train station on South Tamenend and the Lower State Road.

In both instances SEPTA is ready to help, not only with the design but with construction, perhaps on a 50/50 basis. They already have money set aside to work on engineering design. Of course, the PUC will need to be included in that process. Baker completed some survey work and noticed some issues regarding the Delaware Valley Farm Market and the way they ended up laying things out, it will need to be adjusted.

It was suggested that perhaps an alignment with Garden Path Lane be provided over Lower State Road to access the Farm Market as well.

It was suggested that we have another meeting with the property owners for the Lower State Road project and as soon as we have the contracts in place for the DCNR Grant we should also meet with the property owners for the Neshaminy Greenway Phase III.

The Heritage Trail will come along South Easton Road connect into the trail at Turk Road.

Mr. Stanford indicated that PennDot has changed its barrier requirements. We have to have 54" barrier or a barrier with a handrail. He is putting the bid together and anticipates this project to be bid in the spring or summer, work to be completed relatively soon.

Mr. Kelso inquired as to whether the Township would be paving New Britain Road in 2016.

**Trail Awareness Day**

It was suggested that it be held September 27, 2015 which is a Sunday in mid-morning or early afternoon. Condensing the event into just a couple of hours, changing up the route may be helpful as well.

**Kiosk Project and Picnic Area**

Mr. Kelso indicated that the Township has completed those. They look great; we need to add some signage. There was quite a discussion on whether there is a need for signage. Whether it is trail blazes and various locations and types of signs and information to help with way finding.

Ms. Hendrixson questioned whether or not there could possibly be any grant money, there may be some available but it was suggested that a committee get together in January and review signs.

## **Other Business**

Ms. Jacobson reported the Chalfont, New Britain Township and New Britain Borough Trail from Blue Jay Park up to Upper State and Neshaminy Greenway due to the problems with certain neighborhoods in New Britain Township it was agreed that the trail would come up Bristol Road and connect into the trailhead at Bristol and the Parkway.

A modification has already been review with DVRPC; we are looking for the County's support from the Bucks County Planning Commission making them aware of the challenges.

With the \$800,000 grant, Mr. Stanford is putting together a cost estimate for the realignment, hoping to move that project along as well.

Ms. Jacobson indicated that the trail behind their building is completed a temporary bridge in Chalfont is coming along and perhaps the carwash property will become a trail head.

Next year they will begin work on the Unami Trail.

Mr. Patterson asked about the County and Lake Galena.

Mr. Gordon indicated that the RFP committee has been set up and they have the funds to complete the project but he will have to check with Mr. Mitchell to get a report.

Mr. Gordon also reported on the County projects. He reported that there at several trail projects that he is presenting to the County.

Mr. Reider, Warrington Township, indicated that they are waiting on their contract for DCNR but they did meet with Jeff Knowls form DCNR. They are identifying easements that they are going to need to extend the trail from Pickertown Road to Barness Park to perhaps eventually Kelly Road and along Route 611.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15AM. The next meeting will be January 19, 2015 at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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