

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
January 20, 2015

Present: Lynn Goldman; Dick Bach; Andy Clark; Judy Hendrixson; Tom Kelso; Sarah Patterson; Christine Mazack, Baker Engineers Intern; Marilyn Jacobson; Peter Fernandez; Bruce Hochman; Mary Pat Holewinski; Dick Patterson; Taylor Thompson; Ken Snyder, Board of Supervisors Member; Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisor Liaison; Richard John, Director of Operations and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Review of New Projects

Lower State Road will probably be started in 2017, obligated to complete planning by August 2016.

Safety and Environmental has begun, easements still need to be obtained, right of way approval. SEPTA is coordinating and assisting with the improvements and there will be a PUC meeting next week, January 28, 2015 that is being coordinated by Baker Engineers.

Sign at Railroad Crossing – Mr. Hockman noticed it was missing – sign said “Dismount before Crossing”. It has probably been stolen – the Township will contact PennDot.

Peace Valley bridge work related to the pedestrian bridge – installation is proposed for the week of March 23, 2015 delivery is anticipated. Baker Engineers and Barwis will be coordinating with Mr. John.

Heritage Trail – Bid – has been finalized and will be out next week. Information is expected back sometime at the end of February.

Baker agreements will be on the Board of Supervisors meeting February 3, 2015, for the various projects.

Question regarding Peace Valley and the money that the County has set aside for improvements. Wondering if Paul Gordon can follow up with Bill Mitchell and how and when those improvements will take place at Peace Valley Park.

Trail Awareness Day – September 27, 2015

Last year Ms. Goldman indicated that it was a big success and certainly created awareness on the trail system. Suggesting perhaps shorter rides, smaller groups, multiple leaders, tighten things up for overall positive event. There was some concern about the Pope coming to visit at the same time and whether it would event would be impacted. The thought is that it won't unless he decides to come to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine.

Way Finding Signs – Ms. Hendrixson, Mr. Kelso and Mr. Ruddy have been working on this utilizing the hoop signs very helpful, the system elements, the circulation of the trails, the hierarchy of the trail need for signs to help people get around.

Destination and locations – the original 39 locations were identified and Mr. Kelso believes that they will have something for the next meeting.

A kiosk is recommended for Poole's Corner similar to the one at Lower State Road and he is working with the County and the Township on the 911 markers.

Other Business

Mr. Fernandez indicated that Feeney's has shrubs that will be delivered, they are 17 Elms, River Birches for planting and he will coordinate with Mr. Froelich.

Mr. Patterson indicated that he believes that there is a site distance issues at Route 202 Parkway Trail and the Neshaminy Greenway Trail. Mr. John indicated that he would look into it.

Mr. Clark commented on Tail Awareness Day and indicated that perhaps we could get elementary school children involve as well.

Mr. Hockman indicated that he teaches a 10 hour class and is a lead cycling instructor and that there is a quick guide. He could do a ½ hour basic session at a future meeting for committee members.

Mr. Hockman noticed that the new court house has bike racks.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be February 17, 2015 at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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