

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
June 16, 2015

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Rick Colello; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Marilyn Jacobson; Bill Wert; Bruce Hochman; Shawn Touhill; Andy Hamilton; Taylor Thompson; Peter Fernandez; Sarah Patterson; Andy Clark; Bob Ruddy; Liz Wycoff, Doylestown Borough; Mary Pat Holewinski and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Trail Awareness Day 2015 –

The committee has decided to hold the Trail Awareness Day for 2015 on Sunday, September 20, 2015.

Ms. Goldman; Mr. White; Mr. Rudy; Mr. Patterson and Ms. Maurer are working together to create trail rides, runs and walks. There will be a 4-mile run on the Hidden Borough Trails; a two hour trail ride and a 20 mile ride; there will be a Hero's Bridge Ride and a Family Ice Cream Ride. Potentially a recovery lunch will be held at PUCK.

Time frame will be 8:00am to 12:00pm.

There are also event rides coming up: July 8th – Learn to Ride Event; August 26th – 10-mile ride with a pro.

There were comments about cleaning up the grit on bridge over the Route 611 Bypass.

Review of Projects –

Lower State Road – Ms. Patterson reviewed the status of Lower State Road.

TAP – Project is in process

Mr. Stanford has been meeting with SEPTA, crossing the train tracks, using a narrow 5' slope; the slope is pretty steep there. 10' trail coming along will need to redo the Trail Easement on the Delaware Valley University property. We will need to meet with some of the other property owners once clearance is provided by PennDot. We will also need to get an easement from Ball, Ms. Mason has reached out to several time. The recommendation is to try to reach out to him through the University.

Heritage Trail –

The bridge work is underway with Ventresca. Still need to look for additional funding or the Township will have to do it in 2016 to complete the trail from the bridge down to Turk Road.

Neshaminy Greenway Phase III –

SEPTA is working with Baker Engineers and New Britain Borough providing the appropriate crossing there. Instead of being on the downstream side we are going to beyond Aarons Drive we are going to switch to the upstream side. We are going to be meeting with people in the field probably in September. Before that we will meet the John Schmidt at the Chalfont / New Britain Joint Sewer Authority. We will be able to capture the stormwater issues some of the neighbors have. Wetland delineation has been completed.

Mr. Hamilton indicated the September 11th National Memorial Trail which is going to connect to three memorials is routing across Pennsylvania from Flight 93 to New York and Washington, DC. Doylestown will be part of the 1300 mile trail system.

Doylestown Borough and Environmental Advisory Council are working on Bicycle Friendly they are moving to Bronze status.

Mr. Hamilton also indicated that Zagster is a bike sharing company and they are looking to put something at the train station. They will be submitting in the fall through the Bucks County Bicycle Task Force.

Mr. Kelso commented that he has concerns for too many groups, he would be happy to work with Mr. Hamilton in condensing the groups and the goals. Making sure that all of the goals of the bicycle plan are completed.

Mr. Hamilton said that he would like to see more involvement from the state and hoping now that Leslie Richards is going to be Secretary of Transportation, that the building of bridges and trails will be in the forefront and that they will fill the position of a Statewide Bicycle Coordinator soon.

Ms. Jacobson reported that Chalfont Trail Connection from Blue Jay Park & Blue Jay Road is 8' wide trail and is part of the Neshaminy Greenway to Unami Middle School is underway.

There was some discussion the speed limit on the trails. Consensus was that 15 miles an hour is not uncommon. It was also suggested that the group take a field trip in September.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned a little after 9:15am. The next meeting will be July 21, 2015 at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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