

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting**  
**July 21, 2015**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Paul Gordon; Andy Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; Tom Kelso; Liz Wykoff, Doylestown Borough; Taylor Thompson; Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

**Guest:** Amelia & Kurt Krause; Ken Boyle, Bike Bucks County and Bob Smith, 142 S. Tamenend Ave.

**Trail Video –**

Ms. Goldman recognized Ms. Krause, a student in Central Bucks School District who wants to do a trail video for the Telecommunications Advisory Board. She is thinking about doing a 10 minute video on the use of the trail, telling a story. It was suggested that she meet with Ms. Mason. She had some questions for the committee, which they answered.

The committee is very excited that she is going to undertake this project.

**Trail Awareness Day 2015, September 20, 2015 –**

Maps are being made and being provided, information and advertisement should start soon.

**Review of Projects**

**Lower State Road –**

Mr. Stanford reported that preliminary planning is underway, 1<sup>st</sup> Package for Safety submission into PennDot. He is working through the environmental, working up the redo of the Delaware Valley University easement, coordinating with SEPTA, anticipating for them to contribute about \$150,000 to the project. We'll need some jersey barriers and fencing once crossing over Lower State Road on the railroad tracks he is continuing to meet with SEPTA and Delaware Valley University. He will also need to meet the Balls.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he and Ms. Mason would be meeting with the president of the University next week to coordinate that.

The need for a push button pedestrian crossing at New Britain & Lower State Roads was discussed. Everyone agreed that was needed.

We will be within the right of way on both of Teversal's properties.

**Heritage Trail –**

The shop drawings are completed. Anticipate late August for the bridge work to get underway, we'll need to address how the trail outside the bridge will be taken care of next year.

**Neshaminy Greenway Phase III –**

Mr. Smith was in attendance, he said that he represents one of the property owners in New Britain Borough where his mother-in-law and sister-in-law live. He indicated that he was married to another daughter. One of them is in favor, one is unsure. He was here to try to get some information. Mr. Stanford had some maps of the proposed trail and was able to show where the plan takes it and the need for drainage improvements can be addressed with an 18" pipe down to the creek picking up water from the one side of the road from the 30" pipe, adding inlets and grass swales to make improvements. There is a 33 1/2' right of way, probably need a 15'

additional easement. However, we can make various improvements such as landscaping, fencing etc. Once we finalize some more plans and ideas we will be going to be meeting with everyone in September in the field, we'll to make sure that he and the owners of the home are included.

Ms. Hendrixson offered to meet with them at any time.

**Other Business –**

Ms. Thompson from the Heritage Conservancy indicated that they are doing “Tuesdays at the Trail” and at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 9:30am she would like to take everyone out to walk Heritage’s property and the trail through it adjacent to Central Park. They have done a couple so far at other locations and it has been very successful.

There was a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Loftus suggesting that a trail be completed along Shady Retreat and Limekiln Roads connecting to the trail along the back of the hospital and Doyle Elementary school. It was recommended that this matter have a sketch plan completed and look for a Safe Routes to School Grant. This matter is before the Board of Supervisors and will be shared with them.

Mr. Gordon talked about the works of the Bucks County Planning Commission regarding the trails. They are looking to complete the Saucon Valley as well as make a connection in Upper Southampton along the Rail Trail.

Mr. Boyle was critical of some of the work the County although was pleased to see them moving along. He and Mr. Kelso had a discussion regarding the current plan underway at the County level.

Mr. Gordon also indicated he would like to take the lead on the Neshaminy Greenway continuing east, he wants to continue to work with the committee. He is meeting with the Fish & Game about getting an easement. These are steps being taken in a positive way.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned a little after 9:30am. The next meeting will be August 18, 2015 at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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