

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting

March 15, 2016

Present: Tom Kelso; Dick Patterson; Marilyn Jacobson; Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Bruce Hochman; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker Engineers; Dick Bach; Mary Pat Holewinski; Bill Wert; Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisors Member; Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Review of Projects

Heritage Trail – Mr. Stanford indicated that the contractor had the holes drilled on the bridge abutments to be able to install the fencing. We will need to have a certified flagger company work with the Township and contractor to install the fencing due to the fact that we will be working above the Route 611 Bypass. Proper notification to PennDot and flagging needs to be completed. It will still be a few weeks before this is done.

Neshaminy Greenway Phase III – Mr. Stanford indicated that he met with Joan Sistik of New Britain Township; the easement is in the works. He also indicated that Sam Bryant from New Britain Borough is following up with the other easements in New Britain Borough. The documentation to the owners in Doylestown Township have been sent as well.

We have a new contact for the soccer group at Chalfont/New Britain Sewer Treatment Plant during the construction as they have camps on the fields. We will need to work with that during construction.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he would speak to John Schmidt to make sure things are resolved with regards to the sewer treatment plant in obtaining the easement from them.

DVRPC on March 24, 2016 at 10:00am is holding a public meeting, it is indicated that the residents from Willow Wood in New Britain Township will be attending as they are opposed to the Township moving forward with the trail from Bristol Road to Upper State Road. Even though New Britain Township is in the public open space there is still some opposition. It would be good if people could attend the meeting.

Lower State Road – Ms. Mason and Mr. Stanford indicated that they along with the solicitor met with Mr. Ball and his team, there is good news. He understands the project and the desire to move things forward. His biggest concern was security of his property and wanted to make sure that is part of this project and is looking for an 8' fence between the bike trail and his property and a gate at his fire driveway. The meeting went well and everyone feels very positive at this time.

2017 Greenway and Trail Summit Proposal to Host – Ms. Mason, Mr. Wert, Ms. Wyckott and Mr. Gordon along with a representative from the Visit Bucks Bureau met at the Warrington Country Club and believe this would be a very good venue for the hosting of the conference if we are selected. They are working on the application and we need to develop an outline for programming, etc. We would like to do an event in town perhaps at Puck on Sunday evening; we also have to create the mobile workshops.

Other Business – Mr. Bach indicated that the 5K Series is getting off this Saturday and that Plumstead is doing an event at the YMCA, they are running through Delaware Valley University, which is a first that will be the first Saturday in May; it should be a good event.

Mr. Kelso talked about having a regional forum May 12, 2016 at the Township Building in the afternoon. This follows up from the 2005 event that was held; we will try to develop a program from the outline that he shared that will be beneficial to everyone.

Family Fun and Fitness – May 15, 2016 is Family Fun and Fitness in Central Park. Mr. Hochman is going to be conducting an obstacle course for bicyclists, for children and also an adult review of quick cycling. He does need some volunteers from 11:30am – 1:00pm and 1:45pm – 2:45pm.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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