

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting

April 19, 2016

Present: Tom Kelso; Dick Patterson; Marilyn Jacobson; Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Bruce Hochman; Paul Gordon; Chris Sanford; Andy Hamilton; Mary Pat Holewinski; Bill Wert; Sam Bryant; Autumn Canfield; Dick Patterson

Heritage Trail- Mr. Stanford indicated that the trail is done. Fences are up and barriers are built. Currently, funding was only sufficient for the bridge piece, but if it is feasible, the rest will be completed next year.

Neshaminy Greenway- The project is divided into two phases for construction. Phase one is from the sewer plant to the cemetery and includes redoing the parking lot with six designated spaces for the trail. The plan will also give more space for the trail. The hope is to construct this summer. There is one easement still needed, all permits have been obtained and sewer plant needs to sign off on project. Phase 2 has five easements still needed and permits are submitted to DEP. An offer will have to be made to one property owner and if it is not accepted, the situation might go to eminent domain.

Lower State Rd- PennDOT funded. The deadline for the project is August to get the planning done. Burpee property gave a counter offer and would like an 8 foot security fence along the trail, landscaping, a gate, path reduction to 8 feet and repointing the wall. Money for the construction items can be written into the grant. The project is moving forward and the bid will go out fall or winter and hopefully go to construction in the spring.

2017 Trail Summit- Approximately 200-250 attendees. Meeting with Warrington Country Club to be the daytime facility went well. Timing of the event is planned for Sunday night through Tuesday in September or October of 2018. Paul put together educational topics. The deadline is this week and everything for the proposal is obtained. The current competitors are Allentown and Scranton. Mrs. Goldman suggested a Sunday night party with cocktails, apps at Puck and then "Breaking Away" movie at the county theater. The cost of the theater is \$1400 for rental and the larger of the two theaters holds approximately 200 people. If the movie will be shown confirmation should be requested from attendees. The theme of the conference is connections. A suggested speaker was Dan Burden who authored "Walkable Communities". The committee will find out in June if it was selected to host the summit.

County- The county held a competition for what to do with the property. 188 projects were submitted and judged. First prize was \$1,000, second prize was \$500 and third prize was \$300. They intend on building a brand new building. The competition was intended to get designs for the new building. The winning design will be submitted to the architect so that they have an idea of what people want the building to look like.

New Britain meeting- Mr. Bryant, Senator McIlhinney, Mr. Kelso, Steve Barth and Jeff from Septa met to discuss the Del Val and New Britain train stations. The station at New Britain needs expanded parking

and the proposed amount was twenty spaces. Mr. Barth suggested that the DelVal train station have a TOD on the piece of property across from 711. Septa was not in favor of this but the group is considering other strategies.

Small section in front of Y- Bike and Hike will pay for the completion of this trail.

Adopt a trail- suggestion of having an adopt a trail program to ensure trails are kept in clean condition. The idea has been discussed before and is a possibility if the committee feels it is needed.

Neshaminy Greenway in New Britain- New Britain received a grant for the Neshaminy Greenway trail section in their area. It will be a continuation of the Blue Jay trail. The grant is valued at 1.2 million to connect Bristol Rd to the sewer plant. Three easements are needed, 2 are signed. The complication of the project is that barriers will be needed on two bridges, one on Bristol Rd and one on Lower State rd.

Central Bucks Bike and Hike Meeting- Scheduled for May 12th from 1pm-4pm at the Aldie Mansion. Mr. Kelso will be giving the intro. Several speakers are lined up throughout the day. Invitations will be sent out this week.

Family Fun and Fitness- May 15th- Kids Bike Derby in the parking lot from 11am-1pm. Safety demonstration to follow at 1:45pm. There is a possibility of doing a bike donation the same day. Joel and Andy will work on setting it up.

Pebble Hill Rd- Discussion of how to make the road more accessible as it is very hazardous between Cherry Hill Ln and the Country Club. Mr. Hamilton reached out to NACTO. Putting shared use arrows at the intersections and bridge would be expensive. 14-16 shared use arrows would be needed for a total of \$8000. Looking for options to bring the cost down. One option is to speak with Mr. Gothy. It is a state road so it is not possible to go out and stencil.

Meeting adjourned 9:15am

Respectfully submitted by:

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