

## **Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting**

**May 17, 2016**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Marilyn Jacobson; Chris Stanford; Andy Clark; Liz Wyckoff; Bruck Hochman; Andy Hamilton; Peter Fernandez; Bill Wert; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Judy Hendrixson; Taylor Tomlinson, Heritage Conservancy; Tom Kelso; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

### **Review of Projects**

**Heritage Trail** – The contractor part is complete. Doylestown Township just needs to finish it up; there are funds in the budget to do that this year.

**Neshaminy Greenway Phase III – Bristol Road to Upper State Road** – This is moving forward with the design process, two year design and permitting. This has two bridges over the Neshaminy Creek. DVRPC is behind this although some of the residents in New Britain Township are opposed to it. The trail will go from Blue Jay Park in Chalfont coming up Bristol going along the Neshaminy coming out along near Leapson Lane connecting into our Neshaminy Greenway Phase II Project which will take you either to the parkway or train station. This will be a good thing for the area; there is an agreement between New Britain, Doylestown and Chalfont that DVRPC is asking for, there are not funds required by the Township as that was all paid in 2014.

Consensus of the Bike & Hike Committee is that the Board of Supervisors of Doylestown Township should approve the agreement of a memo of understanding for DVRPC.

**Lower State Road** – The Martin's have signed the easement agreement, Ball is on board just finalizing things with their attorney.

Concerns from Teversall – Mr. Stanford and Ms. Mason met with a couple of members of the Homeowners Association Board, we believe by softening the approach we will be able to accommodate their concerns.

**2017 Greenway and Trail Summit Proposal to Host** – That information was submitted to PRPS and DCNR we are awaiting their review.

**Neshaminy Greenway Trail – Upper State Road to Train Station** – This is moving forward, there are still easements, meetings will be held with Chalfont/New Britain to finalize the easement in addition the easements needed from the Hoffman and Emmel properties as well as the three in New Britain Borough. New Britain Township is working on one easement, there were some concerns by the resident and those are being addressed. Initial construction by the Township should begin later this year.

**Other Business** – Keith & Case Fenimore, 71 Oak Drive, came to the meeting to talk about Turk & Pebble Hill Roads. They believe that improving a trail along there will allow them to easily access the Borough along Pebble Hill Rd and Green St. This is an area that we show on our map in a dotted line that could be studied in the future, perhaps obtain permitting and grants, a feasibility study or something along those line could be considered.

Mr. Fenimore is willing to go door to door to his neighbors to promote the fact that Pebble Hill Rd. is Bicycle Route S and that he would like to see his neighbors get on board with having a trail along the roadway.

It was suggested perhaps reaching out to PennDot's Roy Gauffey would be appropriate.

Mr. Hamilton talked about sharrows on Pebble Hill Road making sure that meet the NACTO standards because it is a heavily used corridor by bicycles. He also suggested that the representatives from the committee go to the Township Traffic Advisory Committee and have some drawings and budget. Talk about it in June and then perhaps go to TAC in July.

Safe Routes to School – Think about a group of smaller project that could be put together that may meet.

The Trail Symposium at the Heritage Conservancy – Mr. Kelso thanked Ms. Tompson for the use of the Heritage facility. Aldie Mansion was very nice, having representative from PennDot available especially the new Bicycle Coordinator really added to the presentations. Very thankful to all those who participated and attended the event.

**Family Fun and Fitness** – Mr. Hochman indicated that he had 9 helpers. Unfortunately, due to weather it was not a well attended event but would recommend participation in the future.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:04am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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