

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
August 16, 2016

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Mary Pat Holewinski; Louise Silberg, Buckingham Township; Dick Patterson; Marilyn Jacobson; Judy Hendrixson; Liz Wyckoff; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy; Dick Bach; Andy Clarke; Tom Kelso; Sam Bryant, New Britain Borough; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Mr. Lazer, Teverall; Nancy and David Pastorini, New Britain Township

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway Phase III – Sewer plant to Cemetery – The trail from the plant to the train station, Doylestown Township Public Works Department is doing the clearing and moving of the fence near the soccer fields. Outside construction bids are opening on August 30, 2016 – 9 bidders showed up to the pre bid meeting.

Mr. Garton is finishing up the easements with Chalfont New Britain and has some paperwork to sign off on. Easements with the cemetery have already been completed as well as the Sisacks and New Britain Township. The permit for the bridge will need approval and DCNR requirements will need to be finalized.

The project is moving forward.

Lower State Road – Finalizing the sign easements with Mr. Ball, modified easement with Delaware Valley University. All paperwork has been submitted and we anticipate bidding by PennDot late in the fall with a spring construction start. There is a lot of red tape related to the TAP Grant. Paperwork that will need to be provided as Mr. Stanford indicated.

Mr. Kelso indicated that Zavetta addressed PennDot on a potential mid-block crossing but PennDot turned that down due to the speed limit related to traffic calming. He does not believe that it is worth pursuing any further.

Mr. Lazer from Teversall was present and talked about if there was any additional footage that could be obtained for Teversall.

Mr. Stanford indicated that he has looked at that, they have added the ballard, they have added the striping and he believes that he will be able to add additional footage smoothing the radii entering Wisteria Lane.

Mr. Stanford and Mr. John will be meeting with the Martins regarding landscaping.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road – A cost estimate was provided to run a trail along Turk Rd from Bomaca up to Pebble Hill Rd and then Pebble Hill Rd/Green St connecting to trail in the Doylestown Borough. The cost estimate is \$3,013,279.26 of which \$377,909.91 is plan design, right of way, plans permits about 20% of the project.

This is the area that residents have expressed an interest in and indicated that they would be willing to fundraise for.

Ms. Mason will share the cost estimates with the residents and hope they can develop a fundraising plan that can be brought back to the Committee and eventually to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kelso also suggested that we talk to the state for assistance, perhaps they would like to partner in a demo project in this area.

Other Business –

Bucks County CMAQ Grant – Paul Gordon indicated that the County has received a \$1.8 million grant to design and construct a path along the County property, starting from their existing path running along the County property through and around the Youth Center back along the Fish and Game property and tying in with existing trail coming out of the backside of Central Park.

This is a Design and Build Project and one that everyone is very excited about the County receiving.

Chapman Road – Ms. Goldman indicated that she spoke to Mark Shiner and at this point in time she indicated that Traffic Advisory Committee has no plans to narrow the roadway in that area.

Guests Nancy & David Pastorini from Iron Hill and Creek Road were present New Britain Township. They wanted to know when there might be trail in their area. It was recommended that they speak to Angela Benner and Eileen Bradley in New Britain Township.

Mr. Stanford indicated that they are obtaining easements for various projects as they come to their township and they are looking at moving that along.

The County has some funding to do some work on the trails within Peace Valley Park as well, anticipate that sometime next year.

Ms. Holewinski and Ms. Jacobson indicated that the sidewalk project that they have been doing meeting at Pine Run from borough hall to borough hall is in the process of being completed.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that the pop up park will happen again September 16 – 18, 2016 in Doylestown Borough and she will plan a ride.

The Arts Festival in Doylestown Borough is September 9, 10 & 11, 2016 – having a tent where the Committee could provide information to the public.

September 25, 2016 is the Hero's Run and also suggested having information available for that event.

Duck Derby in New Britain Borough is September 24, 2016 – see Ms. Holewinski for information.

Heritage Conservancy will be contacting various municipalities to participate in a study of trails.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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