

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
January 17, 2017

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Bill Wert; Mary Pat Holewinski; Dick Patterson; Andy Hamilton; Rebecca Fink, Buckingham; Marilyn Jacobson; Andy Clark; Judy Hendrixson; Taylor Thompson; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

It was noted that we received the resignation of Peter Fernandez, long time member on the committee who is intending to move out of the area. Ms. Goldman thanked him for his service and suggested that he receive a tile plaque from the committee. Consensus – the committee agreed with Ms. Goldman.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway – Ms. Mason noted that the Emmel Easement is still needed. Several pieces of correspondence have been sent to Mr. Emmel including the letter from the Township Solicitor. Another letter will be sent indicating that if things cannot be resolved we will need to move to condemnation.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that she will talk with Jeff Bryan at Beulah Cemetery in hopes that he will reach out to them.

Lower State Road – Everything seems to be in order with PennDot. PennDot should be bidding that shortly and we should know things hopefully within a month or so.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road – Presentation, Mr. Fenimore and Mr. Kelso will provide a presentation to the Board of Supervisors this evening recommending that the trail proposed for Turk Road and Pebble Hill Road begin the long journey, with fundraising and feasibility studies to see what it might cost to put such a trail in. This is a section that has been on the original map for many years and identified. The hope is to go to the Board of Supervisors and then to Doylestown Borough and begin that process by spring with the submission of a grant application for a feasibility study.

Other Business –

Bucks County CMAQ Grant – According to Mr. Kelso, bids will be open for design on January 24, 2017 so we will wait to see what Mr. Gordon has to see at the next meeting.

New Britain Township – Revived a grant for the Neshaminy Greenway Phase 4 from Bristol Road to Upper State Road.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that as East Coast Greenway Coordinator, he is working on the 911 Memorial Circuit and make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on February 21, 2017 at 7:00PM.

Doylestown Hospital – Bike Path/Helipad Memo from Steve White – The committee reviewed the memo; it was discussed as to whether or not fencing could be addressed. Also, with the hospital coming in with plans to the Planning Commission perhaps the item could be further vetted with them and discussed further.

Bike Repair Station – Mr. Kelso indicated that Mr. Ruddy's cement post is being installed, putting some Mercer Tiles on it and hopefully can work with Mr. John and Mr. Froehlich to fix the cobblestone there.

Mr. Patterson had questions regarding Teversal and was pleased to hear that things have worked out for the Lower State Road Trail.

Trash cans were discussed at Chalfont/New Britain, after discussion it was the consensus not have trash cans as it add cost to cleanup. Definitely need some Bike/Hike Logo with signs at Pools Corner as well and perhaps stencils on the ground at Doylestown Hospital.

Next agenda discussion on signage also making sure Central Bucks Bicycle Club is included with a sign for the donation of the bicycle repair.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

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