

## Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting

April 18, 2017

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; Dick Bach; Mary Pat Holewinski; Elizabeth Wyckoff; Marilyn Jacobson; Andy Hamilton; Andy Clark; Dick Pattyson; Dan Wood; Mike Sablosky, Baker Engineers; Sam Bryant; Bill Wert; Keith & Case Fenimore; Louise Silberg Buckingham Township; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

### Review of Projects

**Neshaminy Greenway** – New Britain Borough indicated that they have all three signed easements in hand. The Township is still working on obtaining the easement from Mr. Emmell.

**Lower State Road** – We are hoping that work will begin on the railroad first. We do have an upcoming meeting with PennDot to do the kick off with the contractor and we will arrange to meet with the residents prior to construction.

**Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road** – Mr. Fenimore indicated that he went to the Borough and was very welcomed. He is working to do a project later this year. In the meantime he has a Cub Scout project to build awareness at Scout Way this spring. He will need posters and flyers to promote the project.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that he sits on the DCNR Trail Committee and since the Township put in an application for a DCNR Grant for this section he will certainly promote it as best he can.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that in September the weekend after the Arts Festival, they are planning a big event that would help draw information and awareness of this project. They will continue to work on that as well.

Chevrons were also discussed.

### Other Business –

**Bucks County CMAQ Grant** – Mr. Gordon indicated that the County is close to announcing an engineer. He is hoping that it will be on the next commissioner's agenda after which they will be able to meet with residents. They also applied for a DCNR Trail Grant for \$300,000; the project which would be east of Almshouse Road to the Eight Arch Bridge in Warwick Township. Funding is through DVRPC and is part of the Regional Rail Program.

This would start behind the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Plant and use existing sidewalks to access the trail along the creek and bring it out to Pebble Hill Road and Valley Road. This concept has been on the books in the County since 1955.

**Pump Tract** – Ms. Wyckoff indicated that she and Ms. Goldman took this concept to the Boroughs Park & Recreation Board and it looks as though they have approval from them and are hoping to go to the Borough Council soon to promote the concept. They are trying to put this in this year if possible versus 2018. They will also have to go to the Fanny Chapman Pool Board and are hoping for positive input from them as well.

Ms. Wyckoff has a friend who can do the design. The project estimate is about \$20,000, which they hope to fundraise; certainly a great naming opportunity for someone. It is all on Borough property in Fanny Chapman Park.

There was a question as to whether they have reached out to the neighbors who are in Doylestown Township, they indicated that they had not and the Borough Park & Rec Board did not feel they needed to.

Mr. Kelso indicated that this Committee has always reached out to people regarding neighboring projects whether in the Borough, Township or other municipalities and he feels that it is very important to be consistent and reaching out goes a long way. He highly recommends that this idea and concept be discussed with adjoining properties in the Township sooner rather than later.

Ms. Holewinski commented that there was a Celebrate Life Run with 50 to 60 volunteers, County & Township.

Mr. Colello mentioned the Mennonite Church which should be moving forward shortly with their Bike/Hike Trail and perhaps getting an easement from the Touhill Property; he recalls there was some discussion when this property was considered for land development.

Mr. Kelso stated that he and Mr. Stanford could sketch something up to see what the cost would be to bring it from the Mennonite Property across the Touhill Property tying in with appears to be an existing trail on another property.

**Meeting with Traffic Advisory Committee** – Mr. Kelso indicated that he had a good meeting with the Traffic Advisory Committee. They talked about the 5 Year Comp Plan for Bike/Hike Trails that they are targeting. He believes that it would be important to discuss these things periodically; especially when intersections and mid-block crossings with and without signalization is needed. It is always good to have proper design on crossings.

It was indicated that PennDot is more open to more options and crossing ideas. One of the ones that the Township applied for was a flashing signal at the Wells & Lower State Roads intersection. The Traffic Advisory Committee put in a request for the flashing beacon at this location.

Mr. Kelso indicated that the TAC would like to meet with the Bike/Hike Committee periodically maybe once or twice a year.

Mr. Pattyson asked about an updated on the Peace Valley Trail and Mr. Gordon indicated that the engineering is out to bid at this point and hopefully things will move forward once a contract is awarded.

Buckingham Township, Ms. Silberg indicated that they are moving forward with some trails and working on a plan to address trails throughout their community. She hopes to be able to share that with us later in the year.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned 8:45am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

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