

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**June 20, 2017**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Keslo; Judy Hendrixson; Sam Bryant, New Britain Borough; Mike , Baker Engineers; Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; Dick Patterson; Mary Pat Holewinski; Marilyn Jacobson; Liz Wyckoff; Keith Fenimore; Taylor Thompson; Larry Gage; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes were approved for May 23, 2017.

### **Review of Projects**

**Neshaminy Greenway** – All the easements have been finalized. The guidewire is being relocated, SEPTA is working on the installation at the tracks for the crossing. The design and clearances are completed; bidding will take place later this year. New Britain Township will be doing in kind work in the cemetery, paving and trees that have been coordinated through Mr. Stanford; they will go over it one more time as the bid documents are getting ready. The bridge will have cement footings with steel and wood deck. Pre-Con will take place at the end of June.

Working with New Britain Borough coming from Butler Ave. New Britain Borough is finishing up the Multi Modal Grant on Butler Ave with a sidewalk; they are also working with Delaware Valley University to finish up trails there and Keeley to Butler. Looking for a letter of support for a grant application that they will be putting in, the committee said they would be happy to support it.

Mr. Kelso said that PennDot was out about a month ago surveying around Butler Ave and Buelah.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that she has concern for people in wheelchairs getting around in the area and the trail is going to be helpful.

**Lower State Road** – Things are starting to happen, action should begin shortly. Ms. Manion suggested Mr. Tomko send a letter to the HOA coordinator Pine Tree Farms letting them know that the work is getting started.

There were some signs put up for construction on Garden Path that need to be relocated.

Pennoni is the on-site engineer and inspector for the project. We do need to coordinate a cross-walk at the Garden Path / Pine Tree Farm crossing to Lower State Road. It did show on the land development plans. Mr. Tomko indicated that he would rather do it now while PennDot is out there supporting the design.

Potential flashing crossing at Wells Road and Lower State that was not approved, options should be looked at for mid-block crossings.

**Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road** – Mr. Fenimore indicated that he attended the Farmers Market and had great success in getting people to sign up, very interested in the proposed trail. He is hoping that will move along soon.

Ms. Goldman brought up that Mr. Hamilton from the committee attended the Doylestown Traffic Advisory Committee last week and discussed putting in chevrons along Pebble Hill Road which is a state road. The Traffic Advisory Committee although there was funding for it did not support the idea of the chevrons as they would rather not encourage bicycle traffic on the road. There was a lengthy discussion among the members regarding the safety of Pebble Hill Road for cycling as well as Cherry Lane for runners and cyclists and needing to address the issue.

Mr. Tomko pointed out that the Traffic Advisory Committee doesn't believe that novice bike riders should be on Pebble Hill Road. They would not support the concept of the chevrons, even though the speed limit had previously been reduced.

Ms. Goldman pointed out that there is no Bike Route for Cherry Lane and you need to get to Cherry Lane through East Road into the Borough and therefore we really need the path and or chevrons on Pebble Hill Road.

Everyone is aware of the situation and it is an opportunity to make a loop.

Mr. Kelso indicated that this is Bicycle Route S but it is a problem beginning to end. He suggested speaking with our contact Roy at the state raising the concern.

Ms. Hendrixson suggested that we need to focus on the proposed trail.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he went to Traffic Advisory Committee to develop a good relationship and need their support in the future. We need to bring more attention to crossings, it is a good relationship and we do not want to do battle over the chevrons.

Ms. Goldman, its awareness.

Ms. Wycoff commented for bikers the chevrons highlight the road and alert drivers to share the road.

Mr. Tomko indicated needing data; it would be helpful to know how many riders utilize Pebble Hill Road.

Ms. Goldman said it doesn't help if it is rider or runner; but at present there is no other road or trail to utilize. It most central location, she suggested to move on from the discussion, she believes the sharrows are important but Mr. Fenimore needs to continue to educate people for the trail.

Mr. Tomko indicated that the Traffic Advisory Committee is driven by data; so how any riders are there?

Mr. Patterson commented that runners go out Cherry Lane to East Road to Spring Valley as well. They do not go on Pebble Hill.

### **Other Business –**

**Bucks County CMAQ Grant –** Circuit Signs – Size, color and match from the Township's, reviewed the samples of the signs, it was suggested that we use the Bike/Hike Logo in color versus black and white.

Mr. Gordon indicated that there was a walk through last Friday for the future trail from Central Park across Turk Road on to the County property crossing by Kelley Road.

Mr. Kelso suggested the Bike/Hike Committee take this project to the County to the Traffic Advisory Committee, as a first draft when plans are prepared to show the crossing would be and to go two more times as well.

There is concern about the bridge needed off the island, it's complicated and that will need to be addressed.

Looking to possibly do at different level stake out to make it enhancing value but it will be a challenge with the trail.

Mr. Patterson asked about the trail at Peace Valley. Mr. Gordon indicated that the commissioners awarded JDM a contract.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

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