

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**July 18, 2017**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Keslo; Judy Hendrixson; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Dick Patterson; Andy Clark; Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; Dan Wood; Taylor Thompson; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Guest:** Nick Lykon, Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes were approved for June 20, 2017 on motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Mr. Patterson, unanimously approved.

### **Review of Projects**

**Neshaminy Greenway** – Mr. Stanford indicated that the bids are out, contracts are due in early August in hopes of an award at the August 15, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting.

New Britain Township is supposed to start the work in the cemetery shortly; the Township has some drainage swale work to complete.

PECO will be relocating the guide wire on the Emmel Property in early August.

A Pre Bid meeting was held yesterday, July 17, 2017, it was very well done.

The railroad work has been completed and the work in New Britain Borough will be done in the fall.

**Lower State Road** – Is under construction, SEPTA is making progress, the GeoCell material 1 ½ slope will be used to create the approach to the tracks coming from New Britain Road. There will be an audible signal at the crossing at the tracks.

Work should be completed at the end of October, landscaping is guaranteed for one year. The work on the wall at the Ball Property is going to be done.

The Ribbon Cutting will be planned shortly.

**Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road** – DCNR Grant Feasibility Study is awaiting approval. We probably will not hear from the state until late fall.

**Bucks County CMAQ Grant** – Mr. Gordon indicated that he is working on the environmental; a field view meeting has already been held. This is a 1.8 million dollar trail project starting at the back of the Township going along the Neshaminy to the manor building on the County Property.

This is a design engineer build project.

It was recommended that this project be taken to the Township's Traffic Advisory Committee regarding the crossing at Turk Road. Once plans are of the crossing are developed they will be taken and review by that committee.

Mr. Nick Lykon, a supervisor from Plumstead Township was present and presented Plumstead's Trail Plan to the Bike/Hike Committee. He also discussed the possibilities of grant opportunities that would link Plumstead trails with current trails in the Doylestown community.

## **Other Business –**

Mr. Kelso commented about New Britain Borough and the presentation that they gave to the Planning Commission about the work they are doing along Butler Avenue and the sidewalk plan to connect into our trail system on Shady Retreat & Iron Hill Roads. Very positive.

**TAP Grant** – Mr. Stanford indicated that there is a TAP Grant due in September, there is a mandatory pre application meeting with a representative from DVRPC. Again this is 100% construction with the municipality matching the engineering work.

There was some discussion on projects, especially those that would connect to the circuit.

The project outlined by Mr. Kelso was the Shady Retreat Road Trail Project this connects into the Limekiln Trail going to the hospital and connecting to schools and Lower State Road Trail, the Parkway, etc. It will also connect with New Britain Borough. Everyone was in consensus that this is a great trail opportunity especially since residents from the area have communicated with the Township about seeing a trail along this section.

Mr. Kelso did a sketch up and indicated that he would attend the Traffic Advisory Committee to alert them about the trail because there is potential to using a crossing and going up Sandy Ridge Road and tying into the Broad Street Trail as well. The TAP Grants are highly competitive but provide a high reward in amount of grant money. He will present the application to the Board of Supervisors on August 15<sup>th</sup> as well.

The consensus of the committee was to go ahead with this grant application.

Bike Bucks County meeting September 7, 2017 at Doylestown Borough at 5:00PM will be held, everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mr. Stanford indicated that PennDot did away with the Bike Occupancy Permit.

There is a Regional Tourism on the Bike Trail being held this fall it was suggested some people may want to attend.

Question on whether we do Trail Awareness Day or not. The suggestion was that we focus on the dedication of the Lower State Road Trail.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager