

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2017

Present: Tom Keslo; Judy Hendrixson; Mary Pat Holewinski; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Dick Patterson; Nathan Parish, PennDot; Dan Wood; George Thiess, Teversal; Brett Grove, TPD; Sandra Zadell, Chalfont Borough; Mr. Gage, Turk Road; Louise Silberg; Marilyn Jacobson; Roger Clark; Lynn Goldman; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the September 19, 2018, on motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Jacobson the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Bristol Road Extension – PennDot is studying the potential of the Bristol Road Extension. There are a number of options that are being studied. They are working with TPD on the Bristol Road Extension study and coming up at present with an analysis of about 4 or 5 alternatives. They indicated that there would be public meetings held in the future and they are looking at the tri-municipal plan that would get the trail to Peace Valley Park.

The public meeting will probably be held sometime in February or March, they are looking at safety concerns with the intersection and the rail tracks and the challenges that it presents at present. They understand from working with Chalfont, New Britain Township & Borough how important it is to have sidewalk or trail associated, preferably trail with the proposed extension plans.

Neshaminy Greenway Update – The path is under construction with the anticipated beams being installed for the pedestrian bridge soon. The Township will complete the decking shortly. Signage will be installed along with landscaping, reminder that landscaping is available through Feeney's donations. Coordination with New Britain Township regarding the walkway and trail through the cemetery will be needed.

Lower State Road Update – Ms. Goldman indicated that this is an incredible piece of trail and is so excited to see it finally come fruition.

Mr. Stanford updated that we are waiting on SEPTA to complete the fencing near the tracks and PennDot to approve the ADA truncated domes at the crosswalks, this should be done shortly.

Mr. Thiess, resident from Teversal; indicated his concerns. He did see the fencing going in but was concerned about the number of people who were moving the trail closed signs and walking on the trail.

Mr. Tomko and Mr. Stanford indicated that the project is under the contractor's jurisdiction at the moment and they have until November 15th to meet their deadline before any penalties are assessed by PennDot.

There was some discussion regarding the Garden Path Extension; this needs to go to the Traffic Advisory Committee in December for further discussion as to the best solution to cross Lower State Road near the trail at Delaware Valley University.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road Update – The Township has not heard from DCNR regarding the grant. With the state budget pending we are not sure when we will hear.

It was suggested that the committee do a field visit November 2nd at 3:00pm; everyone needs to RSVP to the Township in order to accommodate 12 people in the van. Ms. Goldman will provide transportation.

Bucks County CMAQ Grant Update – This is in a two year design process and since Mr. Gordon was not present there was no update.

TAP Grant – Sandy Ridge / Shady Retreat Roads Trail – This grant was submitted to PennDot on September 22nd, there were also 160 applications submitted in Pennsylvania, but there is 55 million dollars available for such projects.

We did have to scale back and remove the portion from where the trail ends on Sandy Ridge to Limekiln, however, the other portions remained in the application.

Pump Tract – Ms. Goldman provided an update on the Pump Tract. They have received most of their funding and dirt that they needed, this project is moving forward over at Fanny Chapman, Mr. Zavetta donated soil to them. This will be a great addition to the Fanny Chapman Park.

Other Business –

Mr. Clark, Cherry Lane & East Road; indicated that he would like to see trail in his area, it is very difficult to walk on either Cherry Lane or East Road and hopes that the committee will look at this during their upcoming tour and look for ways to bring trail to the area.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager