

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Bill Wert; Roger Clark; Larry Gage; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Judy Hendrixson; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Steve, Michael Baker; Dick Patterson; Katie Maio; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the June 19, 2018 on a motion from Ms. Holewinski seconded by Ms. Hendrixson and unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – There was a question on pinning of the barriers and whether PennDot was still moving forward with that new approach. Mr. Stanford indicated that they were and that he is working with PennDot regarding the crossing on the bridge. It will be more money but he will not know the cost for sure until the design is complete, waiting on the cost estimates. The project will go out to bid, later this year and we will know more then.

It is a fixed budget with PennDot so if we need to we will need to get more support from them because the pinning of the barrier on the bridge will affect the budget.

Bidding is anticipated in the fall. New Britain Township obtained the last easement, so easements are done.

Turk Road / Pebble Hill Road - Update – Just a reminder that the public meeting will be July 24th at the Library at 7PM. The study will look at the Cherry Lane area near Pebble Hill. East Rd. which will be included later. There were some questions regarding and easement at Cherry and Pebble Hill and how that could be used.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the overview for the project and the scope should be addressed with the public.

Mr. Stanford indicated that he has a Power Point to explain that and handouts so that everyone can understand the process. There will be breakout session where brain storming can take place as well.

Mr. Clark indicated that his neighbor, Mr. Sunderland wrote a letter and found out that there are 18 kids in the area that bike, so access to the area for them is really important.

It was noted that the Turk Rd. subcommittee will meet after the Bike/Hike meeting this morning.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail– It was noted that Bob Eppley of PennDot is retiring and PennDot is getting behind on their process to get the environmental impacts done. Hopefully, they will have someone in soon. We have two years to get our engineering design work completed for the project.

It was also noted that Katrina Lawrence from DVRPC has left the organization and a new person is being assigned.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon indicated that he met with Doylestown Township and Warrington Township to finalize the alignment with Boucher & James, the consultant on the project. There was discussion regarding the boundary between King and Turk Parks, making sure that it's open.

A midblock crossing on Almshouse Road has been eliminated. This makes is better. There will still be a crossing down near the parks.

More signage will be needed. The environmental study should be done September/October, construction will go from Grundy Hall to the trail at the Neshaminy Nursing Home, to Turk Road around the park as well to Almshouse to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Plant.

DVRPC will be opening up a grant round soon. It will be more competitive. It might be a logical step to coordinate grant submissions.

Other Business –

Traffic Advisory Committee, Mr. Kelso and Ms. Mason attended the June meeting. Looking at the criteria for midblock crossings, such as using appropriate signage, rapid flashing beacons all based upon the safety of the intersection for everyone and the volume of traffic that occurs there.

Mr. Wert indicated that he is serving on the Township's Park, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update Committee representing the interest of the Bike/Hike. If anyone has any information they would like Mr. Wert to share with that committee, please provide him with feedback.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager