

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Liz Silberg, Buckingham Township; Marilyn Jacobson; Dick Patterson; Katie Maio; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Roger Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the September 18, 2018 were unanimously approved by the committee.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – Mr. Stanford indicated that 90% of the plans are done, working with PennDot getting a little push back on the traffic control detour plan during construction. They need to speak with Ms. Mason & Ms. Bradley regarding the Bristol Road and also Upper State Road and how the traffic control and road closure detour would take effect.

Ms. Jacobson mentioned that PennDot may be working on a bridge close to St. Jude and maybe closing business 202 as well. Coordination is needed.

Resurfacing may be taking place at the same time in the area.

Once plans are finished by the end of the year; DEP Permit has been issued.

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update – Mr. Disciullo & Mr. Stanford showed a power point of some of the pros and cons and alternatives that they have begun to gather for such a project. They did drive the area last week, they are focusing at the end Bomaca and looking at Turk, there are definitely some tough spots. Some alternative options that were showed: Pebble Valley & Pebble Woods as an alternative side streets that may be favorable. They did review the development plans and the right of way information.

Turk Road has a very narrow cart way 19' with at 25 MPH speed limit. There are some constraints, steep slopes making off road options difficult. There are also utility poles close to the area as well as some vertical site distances.

Some pros: It's scenic and it's direct. Some cons: the 19' existing width, 33' right of way, steel slopes.

Pebble Woods Drive has a 60' right of way, it is very wide 26' wide cart way. Pebble Valley has a 23' cart way and both of these roads have lower volumes and speed limits, better site distance at Pebble Hill Road.

Pebble Woods to Woodview has about a 27' cart way, cons – longer route.

There was discussion possibilities making things work in an on road capacity would be reducing parking to one side, perhaps slower speeds, option to do a shared lane with lower speed and low volume. There were also questions about people walking and maybe doing a wider shoulder or shared lane with markings or even a sidewalk on one side that would be separate 4 to 5 feet.

The difficulty comes at crossing Pebble Hill Road and using the existing bike easement to get to Cherry. There is an advisory speed limit sign at 30MPH for Pebble Hill at Pebble Valley. There was a suggestion to try and phase things and wrap it up to the spring and apply for a DCNR Grant for construction. There is still a lot of work to do before we are at that point.

Still need to work on approaches on Pebble Hill, looking at all the options at this point, there is more to do and also working with Doylestown Borough.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update – Design underway, crosswalk locations at Chestnut Grove. Ms. Mason pointed out some residents from Chestnut Valley Drive stopped in with concerns about having access on both sides of Chestnut Valley Drive and possible sight distance that should be looked at on the far side. Base information is being gathered at this time. Additional information needs to be gathered before going further.

Pump Track – It was indicated that because of the rain more soil could be used.

Other Business –

Mr. Gage indicated that he has met with Andrea Susten, Special Projects Coordinator for the Township, reviewing the webpage and history and would like to work on updating that. Also working on updating the map information, seeking feedback, he will put it in a short letter, he thinks it is important to be able to communicate the efforts and perhaps create a Route of the Month for riders, signage on the trail, more accessible usage.

Mr. Kelso indicated that Colin at Delaware Valley University is working on a GIS project and will work to update the map as well. Trying to improve a link between Bike/Hike system maps with Google Maps. There are also 360 photos on the phone and a ¼ mile trail and you can drop it in Google Map.

There were scooter issues discussed and rentals and whether they should be allowed or not on the trail. Questioning licensing and speed – these are some things the community should about.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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