

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**January 15, 2019**

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

**Guests:** Representatives from Toll Brothers; John Crabtree; Emily Stewart and Ernie

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the December 18, 2018 were approved.

### **Review of Projects**

#### **Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/Trail**

Ms. Mason indicated that Colleen Mullen a resident from the area has indicated that this would be an excellent area to put sidewalks or trail in because it would connect the Lower State/Bristol Road area as well as Pickertown in Warrington to CB South.

Mr. Kelso indicated he's uses it a lot, it is a rough road but once the sewer project is completed and the road is paved most likely the speeds in the area may increase. He suggested that we work with Warrington Township possibly have Mr. Stanford look at the area and think about putting the road on the road diet to consider making sidewalk and or trail.

**Toll Brothers – Doylestown Walk** – Is a 137 unit residential land development project being brought through the planning process by Toll Brothers.

Mr. Crabtree indicated that they are going through the planning process now and they have prepared trail on Bristol Road and also proposing some 8' wide woodchip trails in the open space, which could be offered for dedication to the Township. Future trail along the Neshaminy was also proposed.

The Committee discussed the possibility of additional trail, improvements. Mr. Kelso pointed out that the applicant is doing a lot of work toward the sewer project in the area.

They also noted that the culvert on Bristol Road will probably be replaced by Penn Dot in the future, over the Mill Creek. But possibly increasing the area with wood chips to a 10' trail and possibly using crushed stone may be more beneficial than the wood chip path. Again, making that connection in the area to CB South and also eventually up Bristol Road to the Parkway would be very beneficial and the walk along the Neshaminy is spectacular.

There are levels of open space that perhaps the Township could own, the HOA could own and other to be used for stormwater.

Mr. Kelso believes that this would be a great DCNR Grant. The streets will be private but allow for the right of way for the trail.

Again, the Committee was pleased with the proposal and looking to see the applicant increase the woodchip trail from 8' to 10' and consider paving it with gravel and also delineating the area with fencing where the homes are.

**Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update** – Mr. Stanford indicated that they are almost at the finish line. There is still easements that need to be obtained from the Coleman property in New Britain Township, that is the only gap right now that is pending and PennDot and DVRPC will not allow the project to move forward until that is done.

Ms. Jones, New Britain Supervisor indicated that they have recently had appraisals done at the property and they came rather high. New Britain Township is in discussion with the property owner in hopes of finalizing the needed right of way for the project, once that is done, hoping to be able to move the project forward.

## **Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update –**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that about eight people walked the area along Buck Run about a month or so ago. It is definitely a wetland area, lot of tributaries run through out.

Mr. Patterson indicated that the neighbors probably would not be happy with a trail back there, although this was a suggestion brought up at the July meeting with the public.

After the walkthrough Mr. Stanford and Mr. Disciullo indicated that this isn't really a viable option.

Mr. Disciullo said that he and Mr. Stanford are planning for the second public meeting but they are not quite ready. They are investigating other routes around East Road and Chapman Road, perhaps flanking on the Easton Road side and maybe using a little bit of Cherry Lane and Springs Drive. Unfortunately the Cherry Lane right of way is only 33' and East Road to the Borough is also only 33'. The old Pebble Hill Road, very localized and very little right of way.

Mr. Stanford said that this is a very difficult area and one that may not take our normal approach of just putting in a trail. It won't be traditional and we may have to think of other ideas such as signage, striping and education.

**Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update** – Mr. Disciullo and Mr. Stanford provided alternatives 1 and 2 of typical plan views. He said existing there are two 12' lanes with unapproved shoulders and utilities poles and a bypass fence. There are a couple of different options, one would be to move the guide rail over, move the utilities poles and put the trail in. The other is to go on the other side of the utility poles and bring a trail along the bottom part of the open area.

Ms. Hendrixson very strongly suggested that the engineers look at ways to put the utilities underground from Burpee, Shady Retreat all the way to Limekiln that would be the ideal situation and would allow the trail to pretty much be on top of where utilities are currently. This would also allow for possibly less fill.

Cost estimates are going to be done by Baker Engineers. We will have a better understanding; they will also contact utilities companies about the cost to put the utilities underground.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – Mr. Gordon was not present however Ms. Goldman indicated that the Bucks County Bicycle Master Plan, 287 page document talked about education and she is hoping that the Doylestown Bike/Hike Committee could partner with the County in putting together an education program for the elementary schools. She indicated that Liz Wyckoff recently did a program at Doyle Elementary where there were three stations that assisted physical education teachers with bicycle safety for the students throughout the school in First to Sixth grades. It was a 45 minutes class and was very successful. She is hoping that the Committee working with the County would be able to build on it.

Other options would be to hold a bike derby in the spring, we could partner with the YMCA and Doylestown Township Park & Recreation Department in putting something together.

**Pump Track** – No Update

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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