

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

Present: Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Dan Wood; Liz Wyckoff; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Katie Maio; Mary Pat Holewinski and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Absent: Lynn Goldman

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved by the committee.

Reorganization -

Chairman: Lynn Goldman, Nomination on motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Jones and passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Judy Hendrixson, on motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Mr. Gage and passed unanimously.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – Mr. Disciullo from Baker Engineers indicated that Mr. Stanford was not present but that things are a foot and moving along.

Ms. Jones from New Britain Township confirmed that things for the project are looking promising as well.

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update –

Mr. Disciullo from Baker Engineers indicated that the Turk Road Feasibility Study Subcommittee will be meeting on March 7, 2019 in the afternoon at the Township to review the various concept plans. We will have more to report after that.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update – Mr. Disciullo from Baker Engineers indicated that there are several hot topics that he and Mr. Stanford are working on. Some alternative analysis is being done such as utilizing the southern side of the road. In addition, they are looking at utility relocations. They did reach out to PECO to determine what that might look like, but it doesn't look like the poles can be relocated underground. There are shallow rooted Pin Oaks in the one area, still looking at Burpee to Chestnut and the large slope that exists on the one side.

Baker is still discussing the possibility of getting rid of the sidewalk and replacing with a trail, continuing to analyze the alternatives.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon indicated that their second safety submission was submitted, Almshouse Road east to the shopping center and over to the middle of the road is proceeding. PennDot feedback is coming in; the trail location is being finalized with Boucher & James addressing the aspect of the project. They are still working to get down to the creek and then from Pebble Hill east. They will need the process for the two year design time frame.

He also indicated that the county is working on the Saucon Valley Trail. The next round of grant funding has \$9 million in grant requests. 30-40 projects were submitted from New Jersey and Pennsylvania,

Other Business - Mr. Kelso wants to invite the Bike Bucks County chairman to the next meeting. He'll provide the name to the Township.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager