

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**April 23, 2019**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Roger Clark; Marilyn Jacobson; Bill Wert; Larry Gage; Katie Maio; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Katie Maio and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved by the committee.

### **Review of Projects**

**Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update** – Ms. Mason indicated that resident Colleen Mullin from Old New Road is very interested in a trail of some sort along Old New Road especially with the new trail coming to the Bray/Long Property.

Mr. Kelso commented the best thing to do was to put the road on a road diet. He indicated that he has been out there a couple of times and believes the existing roadway could be utilized by doing a road diet. In addition he thinks this is a great opportunity to connect with C. B. South High School as this road connects at a diagonal Bristol Road with Lower State Road.

**Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update** – Mr. Stanford indicated that traffic control has been approved. He is working with New Britain Township on the Coleman piece and connecting it with the trail system. Next month he is hoping that things will be finalized and the plans will be able to go out to bid for the fall. There is a grant application that he worked on with Gilmour for New Britain Township for the DCNR grant; also support from New Britain Borough as a stake holder for the Colman property as it abuts their Margaret Quinlan property was sought.

**Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update** – Mr. Kelso indicated that he and Mr. Stanford and Ms. Mason attended the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting earlier this month. He believed that they were well received by the committee. He believes the committee is beginning to think about pedestrians and cyclists and developing that type of culture in the Township along with traditional vehicular traffic.

Talked about mid-block crossing Bypass bridge and the rapid flashing beacon and 3-way stops at Cherry and Turk. Although not necessarily supported they are ok with Burpee and Shady Retreat Road which was discussed; in addition to Cherry & Pebble Hill an RFB is necessary; looking to have PennDot weigh in as well.

May 2, 2019 we will be going to the Borough at 7PM to their Environmental & Park and Recreation Committee.

It is encouraging that Turk will have to be broken down into small project, reasonable project size with a time frame.

Mr. Gage indicated that he'd like to see this happen and believes that pressure needs to be applied toward the Turk and Pebble Hill link. It is a direct route that people will use regularly. He believes it needs to be addressed now; he believes safety needs to be addressed as well as observed speeds, risk, pot holes etc. as part of the project.

Ms. Goldman commented that there are two ends of Pebble Hill that need to be looked at and the middle section; we will have to work the way through the project.

In addition another grant for Route 611 & 313 was obtained this will help to reach Swamp and the Parkway. Also, potential project for Swamp and York with water & sewer work along Rogers and Spring Valley may play into the needs as Bike/Hike plans as well.

**Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update** – Mr. Disciullo of Baker Engineers, indicated that March 27, 2019 he, Mr. Stanford and Ms. Mason met with Ms. Val Liggett from Boucher & James and walked the trail, it was very promising meeting in that Ms. Liggett is an arborist with Boucher & James and was able to provide proper information on how to maintain soil, trimming, pruning etc. to save the trees and put in the 8' path section along Shady Retreat Road.

Still looking at the Burpee connection and Limekiln but believe representatives from the committee can reach out to some of the property owners to discuss next steps.

The safety review is being put together, it will be submitted soon; also looking at turning Shady Retreat and Burpee into a 3-way stop. This project was also presented to the Traffic Advisory Committee and they were very pleased, there was a resident from Shady Retreat Road in attendance who loves the trail system and is thrilled that a connection is going to be made as well.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – Although Mr. Gordon was not in attendance, Mr. Kelso indicated that this particular project was also presented to the Traffic Advisory Committee whereby the trail will come up from Grundy Hall down to the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority driveway on Almshouse Road across up and over Route 611 and connect to the Turk Park & King Park in Warrington Township.

**Pump Track** – Ms. Goldman indicated that the Pump Track needs soil. They are looking for donations of soil.

**Other Business** –

Pine Run Community is looking to possibly connect to the reservoir trail. There are several owners that are up there now such as Mr. Lou White and Ms. Goldman indicated that she has had conversations with the hospital; there may be opportunities to move this trail suggestion along.

It was suggested that possibly reaching out to Mr. Kevin Spencer and Mr. Evan Stone from Buck County would be ideal. There are a lot of selling points to having a trail in there.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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