

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2019

Present: Lynn Goldman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Roger Clark; Marilyn Jacobson; Larry Gage; Katie Maio; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Mary Pat Holewinski; Dick Patterson; Liz Wyckoff; Bob Salanik, Park & Rec Board and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Minutes Approval – There was a change proposed under Turk Rd Area Trail, second paragraph, mid-block crossing the work crossing should be added. Motion Mr. Kelso, seconded by Mr. Clark the minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting were approved by the committee.

Review of Projects

Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update – Ms. Goldman welcomed Mr. Salanik to the meeting indicating that information on a proposed connection between Pebble Ridge Road and Turk Park were shared with the committee.

Mr. Salanik indicated that the neighborhood is changing and access at this location to the park is really important and that the Township should work with the property owner to obtain an easement and not wait for the County to make the connection in the future. He believes just cutting through the trees and putting in the crosswalk would be appropriate.

Mr. Goldon, Bucks County Planning Commission takes plans that there is not right of way and so their taking the trails part of their TAP Grant project to the edge of the road. Without the easement cannot make the connection, with the project underway the acquisition has to follow the Federal Guidelines.

Ms. Mason indicated that engineer has been out there and has some proposal and cost associated with those proposals for consideration at the Township's Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session this afternoon.

After further discussion on motion of Mr. Kelso endorsed the connection at this time, Mr. Clark seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Old New Road Consideration Sidewalk/Trail – Ms. Goldman indicated that it would probably be a good idea to get some dates and look at the area along Old New Rd between Bristol Rd. and Lower State Rd. as the area seems very flat and would be conducive to a road diet including a bike lane. Dates will be considered at the next meeting.

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – Mr. Stanford indicated that New Britain Township has entered the reimbursement agreement and approvals and getting ready to bid this fall.

Ms. Jones indicated that New Britain Township has secured the Coleman Property and will be going to closing in November.

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update – Mr. Stanford indicated that the meeting with the Borough went well. It would probably be appropriate to have a public meeting later this summer and also try to meet with the Country Club. However, it has been difficult to reach someone.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she would reach out and try to set something up.

Mr. Stanford further commented that the Borough was supportive of the plan and especially the crossing at Cherry Lane with the flashing beacon and hopes that it would improve crossing at Fanny Chapman.

Mr. Clark indicated that being able to take the trail up State Street and East Road into the Borough would be helpful.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that using the trail every day in the area would be helpful it is 25MPH but can be a little tricky.

Mr. Patterson indicated connecting with Green Street and the Country Club needs to occur.

Ms. Maio wanted to make sure that the road previously discussed is still being considered and that was confirmed.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she has some concerns about existing trail near Bomaca and continuing offer trail for this small section.

Mr. Kelso believes a three-way stop may be warranted for further consideration to help with the crossing.

The Traffic Advisory may not be supportive but certainly something we can address.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that appropriate signage like we have at Upper State works well.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update – Mr. Kelso, Ms. Mason, Mr. Stanford and Mr. Disciullo met with the owners of the Stonington Farms Apartment and discussed locating a trail through the property outside the right of way. They were receptive, however had concerns, information regarding easements were sent and further follow up as we get into design.

Next meeting needs to be scheduled with 800 West State Street and the residents on Country Brook.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon indicated that things are progressing, working on the safety, approvals with PennDot at this time.

Pump Track – Ms. Wyckoff indicated that the track is holding up. Base drainage is working well, have to empty the silt boxes regularly, but riders are there every day.

In addition to the Pump Track a trail in the woods is being developed and section for riders as well, welcoming anyone looking to put a fence around it the Borough is half way around it now with a split rail.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that she attended a state wide conference regarding off road trails and it is very popular and growing throughout the state. The Borough received Bronze Level Bike USA Recognition.

Pine Run Extension – Mr. Kelso is going to reach out to Kevin Spencer at the County, to see what opportunities there may be to extend the existing trail across the Pine Run Reservoir to connect with the Pine Run Community.

Other Business –

Telecommunication Advisory Board – is working on the video and were out in the field on May 23rd with Mr. Kelso taping him at various locations talking about the trail system.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July, 16, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager