

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2019

Present: Lynn Goldman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Roger Clark; Louise Silberg; Buckingham Township; Larry Gage; Katie Maio; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Mary Pat Holewinski and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest: Nancy Santacecilia, Resident; Dan Wood, Resident

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

Minutes Approval – Motion Ms. Holewinski, seconded by Mr. Gage the minutes from the June 18, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update – This is an area where the committee believes having a road diet and connection with C B South is important, however, waiting until paving at the completions of the sewer project may be beneficial.

Mr. Kelso will talk to Mr. Tomko.

Turk Park Connection at Pebble Ridge – Ms. Mason provided an update indicating that the information was reviewed with the Board of Supervisors at their last Budget Work Session in June. The Township Engineer is gathering some additional information, waiting direction from the Board in order to reach out to the property owner.

It was the Boards consensus that trying to minimize the needed easement was important.

Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update – The bid documents are going to be advertised in August, expect bids in September/October with construction to start in the spring.

Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update – Working to set up a meeting with the Doylestown Country Club where the trail will go onto their property.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she has spoken with Eric, Manager. The Country Club has a board meeting on Thursday, after that he indicated that he would be willing to sit down and discuss the trail.

There was some discussion that there is a wide right of way along Pebble Hill Road, it is a PennDot right of way, the trail would be outside of the driving range area. We want to get the Country Clubs buy in for the feasibility.

It was suggested that perhaps a meeting sometime in October in the Township Building would be appropriate as it appears that the Library is booked up through the fall.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update – Pushing the safety review a bit, getting a little push back from Stonington Farms, however we have 25' right of ways.

Mr. Kelso and Baker Engineers will go out and stake the right of way, perhaps look at weaving the trail closer to the roadway.

Preliminary signal plans and structural work is being reviewed and should be submitted in a few weeks. About 40% through design at this point, finalizing the plan related to the take up of the sidewalk to the 8' bituminous and appropriate crossings.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon was not present but we are assuming that the trail is moving along.

Pump Track – Ms. Goldman indicated that trails are being built in the woods. Everybody seems to be exploring them. Great access for people at Fanny Chapman Park, there is so much to do there now.

Other Business –

Pine Run Tie in at the Reservoir Long Term to the Pine Run Community – Keep on list for consideration.

Ms. Hendrixson that there was some flooding at Tamenend, the PennDot bridge is a concern. There was wood from someone's property that came down, residents helped clean it up. The culvert is shallow; it was cleaned out when the trail was built, it may need to be looked at by public works. However it certainly was not designed for the rainfalls we have been having. Reminder this is a PennDot Roadway.

DVRPC – Initiating and identifying ride ability – meeting with the Buck County Planning Commission's Regional Meeting in the fall. Mr. Kelso suggested Bike/Hike Committee assist in hosting.

Fall Bike Ride – There was discussion about possible locations and whether we would do it together or encourage individuals and bike clubs to do a ride, perhaps focusing on the Neshaminy Greenway or Pine Run on a Saturday in the fall.

Also discussed was having a bike repair place in New Britain Borough. Mr. Kelso suggested that they try to obtain a grant through Central Bucks Bike Club.

Map Current Alignment – Mr. Gage wondered if that was still being updated. Mr. Kelso said yes, but it is delayed.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:42am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager