

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**October 15, 2019**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Bill Wert; Dan Wood; Katie Maio; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Marilyn Jacobson; Liz Wycoff; Mary Pat Holewinski; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest: Libby Wheeler, Resident Pebble Hill/Turk.

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

### **Review of Projects**

**Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update** – The committee went out and looked at this on the tour of Bike/Hike areas recently. Nothing happening at this time but it was suggested to keep it alive.

**Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update** – Mr. Stanford indicated that we are waiting for the pre-con with the contractor and PennDot. New Britain Township will be handling the inspections with Baker Engineers. Detour is going to be one way over the bridges, it is all federally funded. New Britain Township handled the design and DCNR Grant funds as well.

It was suggested that Mr. Stanford provide a draft letter that could be sent to residents prior to any roadway closures and improvements taking place.

**Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update** – There was discussion on how the meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> went. Mr. Gage thought it was a good meeting, good turnout with good written feedback.

Mr. Clark also thought it was a good meeting, stated that people liked the boards and the information.

Ms. Wheeler, from Pebble Hill, indicated that she was very pro-Turk Road; she believes people will use it, people are against alternative routes but paving some of the roadways and painting will help.

The committee felt that Mr. Fey was a little too negative and exaggerated the impact on his property. Everyone believes that for the greater good they are willing to work with him through the process to make a good trail outcome.

Turk & Cherry Roads project need to have side route to East Road, there were suggestions that perhaps would be easier to do first, maybe coming out at Townview Road with a connector bike lane.

Certainly concerns were raised about crossings at Turk Road and bike lanes coming from the Country Club that have recently been installed.

Mr. Kelso suggested that going to the Traffic Advisory Committee may be a good idea. The speed limit on Turk Road is already 25 MPH that should be helpful.

There was also the discussion about possibly a 3-way stop at Pebble Woods and Turk Roads.

Brief discussion for the next study on Route 202.

There was also the comment that a resident on Turk Road would allow the trail to go behind the tree line on their property.

Mr. Stanford indicated that he will take the feedback, prioritizing everything and come up with some funding options and cost estimates. Identify different grant opportunities, wrapping up the report, reviewing it with the Borough Council and the Township Supervisors sometime in December and close it out by the end of the year.

**Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update** – Mr. Disciullo indicated that there is really nothing new to report, the safety study went in, waiting for the reports for the end of the year, they right of way and preliminary structures will be upon us soon and 800 West State Street and Stonington Farms are willing to give additional right of way easements. Paper work will be drawn up to coordinate that.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – Mr. Gordon indicated that groundbreaking in Lower Bucks is taking place. They expect construction in the summer of 20/20 for the Turk Trail. Still need to obtain 2 easements for the Dark Hollow but the project is moving along.

**Tour** – Ms. Goldman and indicated that not too many, looked at Pebble Hill awareness and Old New as well.

**Pump Track – Update** – Working on a night time relay and a cross course for cycles on the trails in the woods. Fun event at the Pump Tract on October 26, 2019, silly things, costumes.

The Borough replaced the bridge from Fanny Chapman to the Pump Track.

Close off in the winter for Pump Track maintenance. Right now it looks really good.

Ms. Wyckoff announced the Witch's Ride for October 26, 2019.

**Other Business and New Projects Consideration** – Ms. Jacobson indicated that in Chalfont Borough, Unami-Lenape trail (a section of the Neshaminy Greenway) was widened and resurfaced in 2018. The area was renamed J. Michael Bishop Park in memory of our first Public Works Director who was instrumental in putting in the first trails throughout Chalfont Borough.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:52am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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