

**Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2019**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Dick Patterson; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Tom Kelso; Marilyn Jacobson; Elizabeth Wyckoff; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Matt Benzi, resident of Pebble Hill Road

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the last meeting of 2019. She welcomed guest Matt Benzi of Pebble Hill Road, he is a local Landscape Architect and is an avid cyclist. He was invited to attend this meeting by Mr. Clark.

**Minutes Approval** – the committee unanimously approved the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting with a minor spelling correction.

**Recognition and retirement of Dick Patterson** – Ms. Goldman thanked Mr. Patterson for his years of service representing Doylestown Borough on the Joint Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee. She indicated that his contributions were greatly appreciated. They benefited the committee and the community. A plaque was presented to Mr. Patterson.

On motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Hendrixson, Ms. Goldman was selected to service as chairman for 2020.

**Review of Projects**

**Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update** – No discussion.

**Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update** – Notice to proceed was provided to the contractor; letters to neighboring residents in Doylestown & New Britain Townships were mailed out. Tree clearing along the creek is expected to start shortly. A majority of the work will begin in the spring.

**Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update** – The subcommittee met and will attend o the Traffic Advisory Committee in the New Year. Which side the alignment still needs to be determined, but there are options in the proposed study. They need to be looked at closer but the approach and identifying the problems is done.

There was discussion about reaching out to the property owner at the corner of Pebble Hill & Turk Roads, as this may be an opportunity to run a trail though that property connecting closer to Cherry.

Mr. Disciullo indicated that he has looked at the horizontal site distance and its okay; he needs to check the vertical site distance at Cherry Lane further as this may become a concern. We need to make it safe with the appropriate approach. In the study, it identifies it as a constraint, crossing Pebble Hill at Turk; two alternatives are identified.

Mr. Stanford indicated that two projects came to the top of the list through the public discussions were the East Road area connecting to the Borough, as well as Easton Road connecting Tabor and the new WAWA in the Borough. There is momentum and possibilities of second round of grants in the New Year. These could be two projects to pursue.

In addition, we believe that this will allow us to add to the circuit trail system although they focus on the Neshaminy Greenway this could help and could be a source of funding.

**Shady Retreat Road Safe Routes to School Trail – Update** – Penn Dot held a Safety review meeting, the focus and interest was at Limekiln and Shady Retreat. The lane width on Limekiln and the guiderail opening on Shady Retreat was a concern for Penn Dot; awaiting formal correspondence regarding the meeting. The stretch along the bridge the west approach is 11' to 10' at the hospital. The three-way stop and 8' trail was ok.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – Although Mr. Gordon was not in attendance the Committee discussed the newspaper article about the Newtown Rail Trail and the Bicycle Collation. It was suggested that the Committee meet with the County about pending projects.

**Pump Track – Update** – Ms. Wyckoff indicated that the Track is closed for the season. They have a tarp on the berm. The Borough is hoping to build more trails in the woods. The Holiday Light Ride had over 100 people and many people were cheering along the way.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am, Happy Holidays to all. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager