

**Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**  
**June 16, 2020 – Meeting was held via Zoom**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Roger Clark; Marilyn Jacobson; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Tom Kelso; Bill Wert; Rick James; Sean Curran; Nancy Santacecilia, Board of Supervisors Liaison, Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Visitors: Kathy Brown, Park & Recreation Board Chairman and Kelli Keegan, Willow Lane

**Minutes Approval** – The committee approved the minutes from May 19, 2020 on motion of Ms. Hendrixson; seconded by Mr. Gage.

**Doylestown Township Park & Rec Board – Kathy Brown, Chairman**

Ms. Goldman welcomed Ms. Brown to the meeting. She indicated that she was the new chairman of the Park & Recreation Board and is ready, willing and able to be more active and work with the Bike/Hike Committee in a cooperative effort. She indicated that the Park Board was in the process of assessing all of the parks at the moment and getting the Park & Recreation website updated and more information out on social media. She believes the Bike/Hike Trails connect everything in Doylestown, including the parks and believes that the Bike/Hike Committee does a great job.

Ms. Goldman inquired what dream trail we could focus on. Ms. Brown indicated that a lot of focus has been on Central Park over the years, she is excited about the trail proposed to connect Turk Park eventually with the Neshaminy Greenway.

Ms. Brown believes signage would be very helpful, there is some signage but more is needed, she would include that as part of their assessment. An interactive map would be helpful.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that at the last meeting the committee talked about an interactive map working with Bucks County Planning Commission that would eventually show all trails, parks and things in Bucks County, where it would be clickable for information.

Ms. Jacobson, Chalfont Borough indicated that they've just recently updated their map to show their parks and their trails. They have a Circuit sign at the Chalfont Family Restaurant at the beginning of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail.

It was suggested that it could be helpful if Park & Rec wrote up a description of the various parks, connections to trails and adding those to a link on the maps and websites going forward. Think of the County as the umbrella and everything will fall underneath it at the local level.

She thanked Ms. Goldman for allowing her to participate in this meeting and said that the Committee is doing a fantastic job.

Ms. Santacecilia, Board of Supervisors Liaison to Bike/Hike, indicated that she has spoken with Parks & Recreation Director, Karen Sweeney and anticipated that the Park & Rec portion of the Township's website will be updated by July 1, 2020.

**Review of Projects**

**Route 202 Trail Feasibility Study & Turk Road - Update**

Mr. Disciullo, Baker Engineers indicated that he has started to walk that trail. As for the Turk Road we are waiting for the Board of Supervisors approval at tonight's meeting. The information for reimbursement can be submitted to DCNR.

In the meantime, the Traffic Advisory Committee did not meet in June, the discussion regarding the Pebble Hill/Turk Road adjoining intersection concerns Bike/Hike has not been able to be had.

It was suggested that perhaps a meeting with the Chief of Police prior to the August Traffic Advisory Committee might be helpful. Mr. Kelso suggested perhaps a small group meet with the Chief and go over the concerns and ways of addressing them.

Mr. Discullio, Mr. Gage, Mr. Clark and Ms. Mason along with Baker Engineers and Pennoni as well meet and talk about the possibilities.

### **Old New Road - Update**

Ms. Keegan, resident from Willow Lane; indicated that having trails that will connect the neighborhood to the rest of the trail system as well as into Warrington would be really helpful.

Ms. Mason indicated that the Committee has been looking at Old New Road for a while and she and Mr. Kelso had a call with Barry Lubber, Warrington Manager about connecting trails off of Bristol Road near C B South beginning the discussion.

Mr. Kelso then presented the Committee with a series of photos along Old New Road indicating various width right of ways, which are not large, most of it is 20' with at 33' or a 41' right of way so there is not a lot of room to work. He thinks that beginning somewhere around Buck Road where the development starts and working the way to Bristol where the trail would be helpful. LandTec is one of the larger property owners and perhaps working with them make the connection and then of course, at Bristol and Folly connect to the schools.

The Committee saw this as a possibility for a Safe Route to School Grant as C B South and Millcreek are there. Warrington asked that after we show our idea to the committee to come back to them and then to approach the school district together.

Toll Brothers is doing development off Bristol and Lower State and there will be a trail that they will be constructing along Bristol and through their development along the Neshaminy.

Ms. Keegan asked about access to Central Park. It was indicated that the County is currently preparing a construction project under a grant that will bring trail along Easton Road from Barn Plaza all the way along Almshouse Road to the Turk Road area. From there a second grant would be applied for that would run the trail along Almshouse and eventually crossing the Neshaminy Creek with a bridge and tying into Neamand Park. This is several years of planning in the future.

Mr. Curran asked about Old New Road and connecting to the stream along there, unfortunately it is private property and although the sewer easement is there, there is no public access easement that has been granted, it is also very, very wet.

Ms. Santacecilia indicated that she would be happy to make the connection with Central Bucks School District when the Committee is ready.

### **Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State - Update**

Mr. Discullio indicated that construction is ongoing, portions of the trail are in, and paving of the bridge is taking place. They expect everything to be done by the end of the year.

### **Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update –**

Traffic design and other paper work is being submitted to PennDot on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bucks County Trail – Update –**

Mr. Gordon indicating that they are working on the geotechnical signal traffic designs. Submissions to PennDot and also obtaining the appropriate right of way from the Barn Plaza and Doylestown Pointe Shopping Center owners. They are in the process of going back and forth on acquiring the easement.

### **Pump Tract – Update –**

Ms. Goldman indicated that if you want to have a good smile, go over to the Pump Tract and look at the children utilizing it. They are very cute.

### **Other Business –**

There was discussion regarding the For Sale and the property that was sold at the corner to Turk & Pebble Hill, it's the one with the pool, a large property, perhaps they may come in for land development. If so the Planning Commission will be ready with the requirement for the trail.

Mr. Wert asked about the University Village, there was a call with New Britain Borough and they meet regularly with the University. They are in the process of installing trail from the American Heritage facility to Shady Retreat in addition, trails from their office to the covered bridge.

It was discussed that the Township has reached out to Delaware Valley University, Terry Jackson, Chief of Staff inviting them to have a representative from the University back on the committee. Unfortunately, with their reopening under COVID-19 they don't have the bandwidth capacity to appoint anybody at this time.

Ms. Goldman indicated that until things improve she would like to continue doing Zoom Meetings.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager