

**Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 2020, 8:00am – Meeting was held via Zoom**

**Present:** Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Roger Clark; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Larry Gage; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Tom Kelso; Rick James; Nancy Santacecilia, Board of Supervisors Liaison, Steve Disciullo & Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Visitors: Bridget Connell and Gary Weaver

**Minutes Approval** – The committee approved the minutes from June 16, 2020 on motion of Ms. Holewinski; seconded by Mr. Gage.

**Boards and Commissions Handbook** – Ms. Hendrixson reviewed the Volunteer Handbook with the Committee. Ms. Santacecilia indicated that the volunteers are the backbone of the community but sometimes there's overlap between boards and commissions and she hopes that everyone reviewing the handbook will be able to find ways to interconnect and work together on things. She thanked everyone for their service.

Ms. Hendrixson thought it was a good document.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> PA Trails Celebration Month** –

Ms. Mason indicated that there is a DCNR Pennsylvania Environmental Council Mini Grant for \$500 to celebrate PA Trails Month in September. Doylestown Township and Borough's EAC's are going to be planting trees at the Poole's Corner Park n Ride the morning to September 12<sup>th</sup> around 8:00am and the Committee will be hosting a Walk/Run/Ride event starting at Poole's Corner with at short ride to the Pump Tract in Doylestown Borough and a longer ride out to the Walt Berry Trail Head on September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00am. The Telecommunications Advisory Board will be putting together information for DTV on the event.

COVID-19 be at a level that would warrant the event being completely virtual we will be prepared to address that.

**Review of Projects**

**Route 202 Trail Feasibility Study – Update**

Mr. Discullio, Baker Engineers said focus on the Route 202 Feasibility has to do with having a trail parallel a state highway which a meeting with the State Bicycle coordinator Roy Gothie was held and the State is working to provide agreements on limited access highways and trails. Once that agreement is in place it should make this project a little easier to implement but that would facilitate the taking this trail portion from the Walt Berry Trailhead on New Britain Road along an existing trail then paralleling the Route 202 Parkway with and exit at Main Street near the new WAWA crossing over to the other side of the Route 202 Parkway passing along the Doylestown Country Club property and ending at Poole's Corner.

The Feasibility Study will continue to be developed.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he recognized the impact of the Federal Highway requirements and sounds like PennDot is moving in a good direction as part of it.

**Old New Road – Update**

Sewer line construction, stormwater improvements, curbing and paving are all planned for that area.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he wants to work toward trail starting at Buck Road to Bristol Road. There is a lot of changing width along the roadway and moving the curb somewhat and drainage certainly will help facilitate trail through that area. He will set up a meeting with Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and go out to the site.

Information has already been sent to Warrington Township.

#### **Nesahaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State – Update**

Mr. Stanford indicated that the bridge is open on Upper State, the bridge on Bristol is currently under construction and closed at Forrest Drive. Progress is being made he believes the schedule will be completed in November and the bridge will open at the end of August.

Mr. Kelso commented that the contractor did a great job on the Upper State Road Bridge and the connection from the Cedarcrest Farms is getting closer especially with the connection to the Parkway from the Burke Tract that is under construction.

#### **Turk Road Area Feasibility Study – Update**

Mr. Discullio indicated that problems in the study were identified especially in the Pebble Hill Road / Cherry Lane / Turk Road area.

Subcommittee met with Chief Logan discussing a 3 – Way Stop at Cherry Lane or Turk Road. Chief Logan was not in favor of those locations nor were Dave Tomko or Matt Johnston from Pennoni Associates the Township Traffic Engineer. However, through discussion they were more in favor of seeing a 3 – Way Stop at Pebble Valley. If this occurs, it would have a crosswalk that would then allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross over from Pebble Valley to Pebble Hill Road behind Mercer Gate where the Township has a Bike/Hike right of way that was given as part of land development. The trail would then be able to continue north along Pebble Hill Road going on to Cherry or a straight shot into the Borough. We will have to work regarding crossing with some sort of pedestrian bridge the dam that is along Pebble Hill Road. There is not a lot of right of way there but we will have to work with it.

Discussion regarding the Cherry Lane portion and the Brooks Tract. Ms. Mason indicated that she'd received a call from Mrs. Brooks indicating that they would prefer the trail not be there. Obviously, part of the land development plan approval requires the trail, it was suggested that Mr. Stanford reach out to the engineer for the Brooks Tract and see if weaving the trail through the woodland may be more beneficial.

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

Mr. Discullio indicated that the E & S Plans were approved, structural information and plans are submitted to PennDot. Letters are being prepared to go the residents and the next step will be the issuance of a right of way request to Stonington Farms who agreed last summer to coordinate with the Township on the plan.

Timeline is pending PennDot structural approvals, utilities clearances, handicap access ramps.

Mr. Kelso suggested with those domes that the plastic could be slippery possibly switch it out to concrete would be more beneficial.

Mr. Discullio indicated that they would look into that.

#### **Bucks County Trail – Update –**

Mr. Gordon indicated that the Almshouse Road trail the engineer for the project has left the company and they are having meetings later this week to coordinate with the new engineer from the firm that will be addressing it. They are somewhat delayed but DVRPC is aware of it and things should be back on track shortly.

On the other portion of the trail the meeting with Baker last week went well and things are moving forward,

**Pump Tract – Update –**  
No Update

**Other Business –**  
None

**Adjournment -** Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:01 am. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason  
Township Manager