

**Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15, 2021 8:00am**  
**Meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Shelle Clancy, New Britain Township; Andy Oles; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Louise Silberg; Roger Clark; Randy Cohen; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Nancy Santacecilia, Board of Supervisory Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes Approval** – Approval of the minutes from **April 20, 2021**, on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Hendrixson the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Review of Projects**

#### **Route 202 (Central Park – Pooles Corner) Trail Feasibility Study**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that he and Mr. Stanford are working on the final report and hope to have it ready by July. Wrapping everything up and submitting to the municipalities and DCNR/DVRPC.

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

Nothing currently to report. However, Ms. Goldman indicated that she had been out to that area and the access to C. B. South is very doable. This area would be great to connect into the trail system.

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

Mr. Disciullo indicated that the project is 100% complete, there are no plans at this time for a ribbon cutting according to Ms. Jones. However, Ms. Goldman indicated that if the Bike/Hike Committee can help in any way to please let them know.

#### **Turk Road Area Feasibility - Implementation of Study Findings**

Mr. Clark indicated that he had worked with Mr. Disciullo to reach out to one of the property owners on East Road in a location where we do not have enough right-of-way for the trail to go across, he has a pond on the property. He did notice that this property was up for sale and that it had a SOLD sign on the property and now it is gone, replaced by a new For Sale sign. He is not sure what has happened, he did send the letter indicating he is a neighbor and he reached out in April, he has not heard anything. He did speak to the property owner's realtor, and they seemed to acknowledge the information.

Mr. Disciullo indicated that may be a couple of other properties that we might need additional right-of-way from and that we should contact and talk to them as well.

It was suggested that another letter go out to the property owners where we need an easement indicating the opportunity for the trail and to work with the Bike/Hike Committee.

Ms. Mason will prepare the letters.

The Committee further discussed the access at the Oscar Hammerstein Property. Ms. Mason indicated this would be corrected when that project is developed as plan are approved for that.

Trail along Cherry Lane was discussed. The crossing at Pebble Valley will connect to the area that the Township has existing right-of-way and easements. The Brooks Tract may move along soon, and it was suggested to identify the properties that are in between and to reach out to them and obtain the appropriate right-of-way as well.

Ms. Goldman indicated that if Federal funds become available then we would have a shovel ready project.

It was suggested to send letters to those properties as well, alerting them to the trail project.

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

Ms. Mason indicated that the Township had received the deeds from Stonington Farms. She also indicated that the Township wants to send another letter to all the residents along Shady Retreat where the trail will go, as we did last year. She also indicated that this is going to be a great project and access to various schools in the area.

Ms. Mason indicated that a property owner had contacted Mr. Kelso. Mr. Kelso has been following up on whether to utilize macadam for the trail as we always do, or to obtain and expand the existing sidewalk. It is the intent of the project to remove the sidewalk and replace it with macadam so that the trail all fits together, the Township will then pick it up as part of the maintenance program.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that this sets a bad precedence and that she believes it is a bad idea and that we should stick with the bituminous trail that we always do. The trail is completely within the Township's Road right-of-way.

Mr. Clark agreed that is the appropriate method.

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

Now the County is undertaking additional environmental studies of the area and the support letter is still in process by the Committee.

#### **Pump Tract -**

Ms. Goldman indicated that Ms. Wyckoff is out of town, but it is an exciting and great place to go and that everyone is having a great time.

#### **Mapping Project – Update –**

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that Steve Spindler is working on the map, but it is a little slower. She indicated that she had met with the Township's Telecommunication Advisory Board (TAB) on Monday night to go over how photos and videos can be incorporated into the map as well as expand information on DTV. They are willing to work together, she sent out an email requesting everyone pick a segment of trail and a member of the TAB will work with a member of the Bike/Hike Committee to create appropriate pictures and video information that would be able to be linked into larger videos as well as the map project. Some examples were provided, and she thinks this is a wonderful collaboration.

Ms. Santacecilia agreed, she is excited to see the two volunteer groups work together and have fun in sharing information and developing video as well.

We need someone to work with the Borough to get information on the sharrrows, so that information will be complete as well.

The goal is to have this done for the July meeting.

**Other Business / New Projects for Consideration**

Ms. Goldman indicated that the Bike Race in the Borough associated with the Arts Festival in September was in danger of being cancelled. However, several sponsors have come together. They are doing a GoFundMe site. It will look different as there will not be the big tents as there have in the past, she believes it will still be a family friendly event.

**Returning to the Township Building**

Ms. Goldman indicated that for the July meeting she would like to see as many members back in the Township Building however, we will be able to do a hybrid if members are still not ready to attend in person and zoom links will be there as well.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 8:00am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason  
Township Manager