

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building
425 Wells Road

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Mary Pat Holewinski; Rick James; Tom Kelso; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Shelle Clancy; Roger Clark and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Minutes Approval – Approval of the minutes from **August 17, 2021**, on motion of Ms. Jones seconded by Ms. Hendrixson the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Mercer Tile Works to Mercer Court – Possible Trail

Ms. Goldman indicated that there is a 15’ strip area from the Tile Works across North Street to Mercer Avenue that could become a trail that could get people to Central Bucks West High School via the Borough sidewalk network once on to Mercer Avenue.

This is the County’s property and would need to be undertaken by them. In addition, there are several mature trees that would need to be removed. The trees at present create a buffer for the residential properties on North Street. In addition, a cross walk would be needed.

Ms. Goldman suggested that perhaps this is something that the County could look at if there was an opportunity in the future. She thought it could be something that perhaps didn’t need to be paved but certainly with ADA accessibility etc. that creates a problem. Also, potential to connect through the Buck County Historical Society property to the cemetery is another thought.

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

Mr. Disciullo and Mr. Stanford were not at the meeting however, they will be making a presentation of the final study at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday along with Mr. Kelso.

The Black Route that abuts the golf course is the route that is going to be pursued.

Turk Road Area Feasibility - Implementation of Study Findings

Mr. Clark indicated that we need to send some additional letters to follow up from the Township for the East Road residents. We met with the 259 & 247 Cherry Lane residents. Although not positive we did find that the Township may have some additional right of way from a previous land development that occurred, this will need to be clarified and possibly a fence and landscaping may be in the Township right of way.

For East Road he indicated that 191 has changed hands, another letter from the Township to the new owner along with the previous owner’s letter should be sent. Follow up with the resident at the corner of East and Houk as well, he indicated that it may be for sale. Reminding the residents that there is right of way but making them aware of the project.

Good feedback on the paving of Townview Dr. and putting sharrows in, in the future.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail

This project has increased about 1 million dollars. Need to get the Board of Supervisors support to apply for another grant which we have been encouraged by DVRPC to do. That will be addressed at the Board of Supervisors meeting this evening.

Old New Road – Update

No Report

Bucks County Trail – Update –

Mr. Gordon indicated that the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Design Committee walked the area at the end of August. It is obvious that the group is divided regarding the proposed trail but the consultants that the County hired to do a further environmental impact review of the project is under way. At this point the area would just be a dead-end trail but would provide some view of the creek. The proposed trail would not impact the existing fisherman's trail.

The trail along Route 611 will probably go to bid later sometime in the spring of 2022, with construction to follow.

Mr. Kelso indicated that all County trails should be accessible to all County residents regardless of where they are located.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that after Hurricane Ida the Township Trails along the Neshaminy Greenway managed well and look great this is because of the good design.

Ms. Jones indicated that there is a tree in the creek in the open space behind Windsor and Bittersweet that the Township should address.

Pump Tract – Update

Ms. Goldman indicated that the group did an excellent job with cleaning up the area and the trails in the woods are getting very well used.

Mapping Project – Update –

Ms. Goldman indicated that she worked with Jean Lausten on the segment and is looking to do some voice overs to reduce it for the map with a synopsis the longer version that TAB will continue to work on.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that trying to keep short synopses of the presentations with information on what is the lay of the land, how steep it is, is it kid friendly, is it a walkable loop, this is the types of information looking for in the mapping with the snippets. She indicated that we want to get the format down so we can continue to move forward. She was not sure if the bike race went well and thanked Mr. James for his assistance could be incorporated in possible future mapping project, making the criteria local.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Ms. Holewinski, seconded by Ms. Hendrixson at 9:04am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 8:00am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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