

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
January 17, 2012

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman, Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman, Mary Pat Holenski, Elsie White, Marilyn Jacobson, Judy Hendrixson, Louise Silberg, Buckingham Township, Chris Stanford, Bruce Hockman, Bruce Taylor, Dick Patterson, Andy Hamilton, Peter Fernandez, Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Also in Attendance: Patrick, a college student from Lehigh University, shadowing Chris Stanford.

Announcements: Lynn Goldman announced that Corrine Cody is resigning from the Bike & Hike Committee.

Bike/Hike History Update

This is something that Corrine Cody has been working on and since she is resigning from the committee we will need someone else to take over this project as well as take minutes in the future.

Parkway Dedication

Moving forward, it is going to be scheduled for September, 2012. Baker Engineers has agreed to help with the fundraising and sponsorship and will be contacting the other companies involved in the parkway to help with that.

Linda Plank from Doylestown Hospital has contacted Ms. Mason indicating that she is willing to participate as well.

There were some signage signs that Peter Fernandez brought, about \$80 a sign, which are plastic and fiberglass and would probably be about \$700. Fast Signs or Sign-a-rama can produce these; they could be used to have information instead of just cardboard signs with information about the Parkway, natural environment and the Bike Trail along there. Mr. Hockman also suggested having educational information and brochures as well.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail DVRPC

Chris Stanford, Stephanie Mason and Tom Kelso met with Chris Lynn at DVRPC a week or so ago to discuss the project and the \$130,148 grant that has been received. We are submitting revisions for that grant as some things have been modified now that Penn Dot has done quite a bit of the work along Wells Road and part of Lower State Road. With that savings we are hoping to move that over to Phase II of the project and if that can be accomplished, it would be a very good thing. We also submitted Phase II grant for \$60,000 as part of planning and design for highway occupancy and be able to submit for the HOA agreements as well.

The Township appointed Baker Engineers as their Bike/Hike Consultant and will be working with them as well.

DCNR Grant Opportunities

Through the Bike Belong Coalition there is money available, that grant request is due February and also late March. It was recommended that the Committee apply for both of these grants. Letters are being obtained to be submitted with the Bike Belong Coalition regarding bike education and signage. Chris Stanford and Tom Kelso are working on that.

Miscellaneous

Buckingham Township hosted a Bike/Hike Connection meeting with Plumstead Township, Doylestown Township and Doylestown Borough. It went very well, there was discussion about the Cold Spring Trail Connection into the Borough and connecting around Cross Keys and perhaps Route 313 at Ferry needs to be thought about as well. It was a good meeting and Louise Silberg indicated that she would like to meet again in a few months.

A Kids Bike Derby will take place on April 28, 2012, with a trail ride and be associated with World Wide Day of Play.

Trees will be donated from Feeney's in March. Judy Hendrixson indicated that she and Tom Kelso had met with the cemetery and the agreements need to be finalized for easements, that information has been sent to New Britain Township as well as Doylestown Township's attorney. It was recommended that a meeting be coordinated.

January 25, 2012 Bucks County Open Space is hosting a meeting, Tom Kelso and Stephanie Mason will be attending a talk about the trail through Delaware Valley College and the Sewer Authority's property as part of the DCNR Grant and using Open Space money for construction.

Shawn Touhill indicated there is going to be a race at Our Lady of Czestochowa on March 17, 2012; it is the St. Patty's Day Run; it is being called the Hero Run. Mr. Touhill is coordinating that.

Memorial Day through June 2nd is the Bicentennial of the County Seat. Lynn Goldman is coordinating that.

Art for Bridges is also being discussed, we are going to have a two for one, with a male and female runner, the Bucks County Institute of Technology is moving that forward.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 8AM