

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
February 17, 2015

Present: Lynn Goldman; Dick Bach; Paul Gordon; Judy Hendrixson; Tom Kelso; Mike Secrest and Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Mary Pat Holewinski; Taylor Thompson, Heritage; Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisor Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Video Recording Trails with Ed Ebenbach

Sam Bryant was present and showed the video of the 2014 Trail Day Awareness that was put together to show on Facebook and DTV. At the conclusion, the committee liked the video and suggested sharing it with the Bucks County Visitors Bureau.

Review of New Projects for 2015

Trail Awareness Day – Sunday, September 27, 2015. It was suggested that we select the trails now so that we can publicize early. Quakertown contacted Ms. Goldman about wanting to piggy back on the event, there were some questions as to whether or not that would be appropriate since the two communities are very far apart. It was suggested that they can certainly contact us for ideas. There is still a question of whether the Pope's visit to the area will impact Trail Awareness Day.

DCNR Grant – Upper State Road to the Train Station (Neshaminy Greenway Phase III) – Easements are needed from the Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority, probably one or two in New Britain Township and possibly four in New Britain Borough. Location of crossing over the creek still needs to be determined and whether pedestrian bridge is needed.

Further information will need to be gathered and then a meeting with everyone including the property owners in the field.

TAP Grant - Lower State Road to the Parkway from YMCA – All information needs to be completed by August of 2016 to have the plan done.

The easement that was received from Delaware Valley College when the Farm Market was built needs to be reworked with Delaware Valley College to get it further away from the parking area.

Pedestrian signal at New Britain Road will also need to be addressed. Working with SEPTA certainly will be challenging but they are being very cooperative in coming up with ideas to address the skew and elevation issues for the train crossing.

We have spoken with the Martin's they will be back this spring. It was suggested that we have a meeting later in the spring with the property owners.

Heritage Trail – Advertised for bids – bids are due in on February 27, 2015.

Trail from Beulah to Butler in New Britain Borough was discussed – this has potential of working as a Share The Road Route to connect in with Shady Retreat and come along Butler Ave.

Elsie White Resignation – Ms. Goldman wanted to take a moment to recognize Elsie White who officially retired from the committee. She certainly had a positive impact on trails while working with the committee and Doylestown Hospital.

Other Business

Peace Valley Park – Update

The County has a grant for improvements and they are developing a plan. Mr. Gordon said that he would check with Bill Mitchell to find out what the overall plan is to finish the trail around Peace Valley Park.

The County Planning Commission put in for three projects for trails – Saucon Valley, Neshaminy Greenway and the Newtown Rail Trail, these were put in for consideration by the Commissioners.

Mr. Gordon is not sure which one they will select.

Impediments certainly for the Neshaminy Greenway portion are easements which is something DCNR has to consider.

Reminder: That the PSATS Conference some members of the committee will be presenting.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 17, 2015 at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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