

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
November 15, 2016

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Andy Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; Dick Patterson; Liz Wyckoff; Judy Hendrixson; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Bill Wert; Sam Bryant; Tom Kelso; Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest: Kyle Schekinger, Warwick Township Assistant Manager

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway – Mr. Stanford indicated that Doylestown Township received the easement from Mr. Hoffman. He indicated that New Britain Borough still needs to obtain three easements on their side of the project and that the Township needs to receive the Emmell easement.

Ms. Mason indicated that the Township Solicitor has communicated with Mr. Emmell and the Township has reached out a number of times.

According to Mr. Bryant SEPTA is interested in expanding the parking lot and may also be speaking with Mr. Emmell.

Mr. Stanford indicated that it is in part that we obtain the rest of the easements as soon as possible as Phase I is coming to a conclusion and Phase II will need to begin in the spring of 2017.

Lower State Road – Mr. Stanford indicated that we are in the final stretch; he has been in communication with PennDot regarding contract management. He expects bids to be out late winter with bids coming back in February.

Ms. Mason indicated that DVRPC on behalf of PennDot called and indicated that we'll be receiving an additional \$150,000 but we will have to amend the agreement. Hopefully that will take place at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 6, 2016.

There is a meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00PM with the Teversall Homeowners Association to go over the improvements that will be made along Lower State Road.

We reviewed the crossing at the traffic signal at New Britain Road and it was suggested that an all red phase be considered.

Ms. Goldman indicated how exciting it is to see this project come to fruition.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road – Ms. Goldman indicated that she would really like Mr. Fenimore to participate, we need a good neighbor to get involved and get this project moving forward.

There was discussion about potential for a DCNR Feasibility Study to be done where we could budget that in 2018. Grant applications are due in the spring and it was suggested to consider this project for a feasibility study grant.

Ms. Goldman also indicated that getting from Cherry Lane to Turk Road is important especially because of the pitch in the roadway.

Destination Peace Valley – New Britain Township is working to bring that project to fruition and there is potential that this too could be a project to consider.

Mr. Clark talked about the link from Burpee Road along Shady Retreat Road to Limekiln Road and going over the bridge to tie in with the trail at the hospital. Another grant that we could perhaps consider tying several projects together.

Mr. Wert suggested the Sandy Ridge Road to Limekiln Road as another possibility.

Other Business –

Bucks County CMAQ Grant – Mr. Gordon indicated that the RFP's were put together and are out, waiting on submissions. Still need to meet with the Gun Club to get this project from the back side of Central Park to Kelly Road. It was also suggested bringing Warrington Township into the mix.

Hoping to get a design consultant on board sometime in the winter and also to look to extend Neshaminy Greenway Trail to Valley Road perhaps connecting in to trails in Warwick Township.

Ms. Hendrixson suggested looking at the Bristol Road and Lower State Road area and connecting to CB South in Warrington.

Mr. Kelso commented on the regional trail program known as the Circuit, indicating that only the cross county 202 Parkway / Neshaminy Greenway Trails are identified as the Delaware Towpath. He would like to see more trails included such as Destination Peace Valley. Certainly an area to try to get more funding.

Mr. Patterson asked about Lake Galena and when construction might take place. According to Mr. Gordon we can expect construction to there in the spring. The paths are going to be redone but still be 10' wide.

Ms. Wyckoff talked about the Bicycle Advisory Committee for the Borough; it is less about trails and focused more on cycling on the roadway. Working toward LAB status, offering significant education for everyone. Looking to see more friendly alley way rides in the Borough.

Mr. Patterson asked about kids riding to Lindon Elementary, Ms. Wyckoff indicated that there are about 20 or more that bicycle regularly.

There was discussion regarding the Borough increasing the parking lot by adding a deck at Broad Street and East Court Street.

Ms. Wyckoff also talked about a Holiday Light Road within the Borough and the Cranksgiving Ride that took place this past Sunday.

The bike repair station Mr. Tomko, Director of Operations provided an update and indicated that the pump is being ordered.

Mr. Kelso indicated that Mr. Ruddy was providing the concrete stand that the tools have been purchased as well. This should be done shortly. Ms. Goldman will obtain tiles from Katia McGurke to include.

Mr. Patterson asked about races on the Parkway Trail. Ms. Mason indicated that those are permitted with PennDot permission.

Ms. Mason talked about a concern from the Park & Recreation Director, Karen Sweeney on bikes racing through the park and conflicts with pedestrians, due to the 8' width of the trail. There was suggestion to

perhaps put signage “Share the Trail” but there really wasn’t much to do. People just needed to be self-regulating and respectful.

Mr. Kelso indicated at the next meeting he will bring a map and we will look at various connections and focusing on some of the next areas to consider for trial.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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