

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Tom Kelso, Marilyn Jacobson; Roger Clark; Emily Valmour; Rich Brailer, Bucks County; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineer; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest: Doug Kniese, Pebble Hill Rd. and Natale Veranci, Warden Rd.

Minutes Approval February 21, 2023 meeting, the minutes were approved with one change in Prioritizing list of Future Projects: One project would be the Doylestown Country Club gave an easement with a three-year limit which has been received.

Pebble Hill Rd – Across from Cherry Lane Trail

Mr. Doug Kniese lives on Old Pebble Hill Road would like to see a trail connection into the Borough. We viewed the map of the area and discussed how access to Pebble Hill Rd / Cherry Lane area. Discussion on site distances issues at Turk Rd, existing easement that the Township has along Pebble Hill Rd behind Mercer Gate homes, the three-way stop at Woodview that Chief Logan spoke to Baker Engineers about as the better location for a crossing from that neighborhood to a future trail.

Mr. Disciullo discussed the varying rights of way along Pebble Hill Rd. It's a state road and how difficulties will need to be addressed to fit a trail in along there. It was indicated there is certainly a few residents who are looking forward to having that connection into the Borough, there will need to be a rapid-flashing beacon at Pebble Hill / Woodview.

Mr. Kelso suggested that the best thing at this point might be to go out to the site in the next couple of weeks and walk it, perhaps meet at the Kniese property, and determine the width of trail that is necessary, we can always reduce the size.

Mr. Disciullo will coordinate setting up a meeting.

Easton Road Trail Connector Plan - Update

This is still a project that the committee would like to see happen, however, Ms. Mason indicated that the Township didn't receive the recent grant that was applied for. We will have to apply again.

New Britain Trail Project – Update

Mr. Disciullo indicated that preliminary engineering is about 95% complete. He indicated that we do need to show Morgan Hill crossing, but everything is being done in the road right of way. There was also discussion about adding a three-way stop at New Britain & Rolling Hill, this need to be discussed with the police department further before any plans are finalized. PennDOT has a project to repave and redo the bridge and as part of that they have agreed to add fencing along there. Once it is done, we will stripe a bike lane across the bridge.

Mr. Vernaci indicated that he lives on Warden Rd and when the new back property was done the trail was put near his property and he is concerned about further trail along 202 behind his property and then also he questioned if he couldn't have a trail connector along Main Street come just up a shared use/share the road on Warden to connect if it is going to come down along there and tie into the WAWA in the borough and then continue down 202 to Poole's Corner.

This was discussed further and certainly something that can be evaluated when this project moves along in the planning process.

Mr. Vernaci indicated that during COVID certainly people found a trail in that area and have been walking along it mostly it is neighbors walking their dogs, but he is concerned about privacy.

Ms. Goldman indicated that if he indicated that if he would like some additional trees the Bike/Hike Committee could help with that.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update

Final specs have been uploaded to ECMS for review, the agreement has been circulated with the Township and authorization for execution has already been provided so that should occur shortly.

Pump Track

Closed for the Winter

Prioritizing list of Future Projects

Mr. Kelso said he is continuing to work on that.

Bike to School Education Program

Ms. Valmour indicated that she has a meeting with Kutz and Carly from Bucks County TMA about a bike education that will occur in April as part of “Walk to School” and we will have an update at the next meeting.

Bucks County Update

Mr. Brailer stated that the Dark Hollow Project design has wrapped up. They’re still waiting on PennDOT approval for the plans for the South Easton Road connection at Almshouse.

Ms. Hendirxson indicated that the silhouettes from Middle Bucks it was suggested that she talk to Chris Sensus a machinist in Doylestown who’s willing to help cut the metal.

Ms. Goldman will work with Thompson about getting it up Broad St to their painting facility.

Adjournment - Being no further the meeting adjourned at 9:08am. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 8:00 am** at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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