

**Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 20, 2023, 8:00am**  
**Doylestown Township Municipal Building**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Roger Clark; Larry Gage; Caitlin Hernandez; Liz Wyckoff; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Raymond Scalia; Tom Speranger; Mike Winn; Rich Brahler, Bucks County; Christian Regosch, Bucks County; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineer; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Minutes Approval** April 18, 2023 meeting, the minutes tabled.

**Pedestrian Bike Bridge Across Neshaminy Creek near Turk / Almshouse Road**

Mr. Speranger indicated he had an interest to connect his neighborhood, a/k/a Pebble Ridge Woodridge and Vicinity into the existing Township trail system by attempting to cross the Neshaminy Creek off Almshouse Road. He understands that the Bike/Hike Committee has discussed this topic in the past and finding the correct location to safely cross and build a bridge reasonably would be very beneficial to his community with over 300 residents.

There was some discussion regarding the grant that the County of Bucks has and the project they are working on to bring a trail along 611 down Almshouse to Turk Park as well as along parts of 611. Once the County builds their trail which is hoping to be started in 2024 it was discussed that an alignment and work to connect Turk Park to Neamand Park could be pursued. The location is on the other side of the Neshaminy and would be beneficial to all the residents from the area.

Ms. Goldman indicated that Mr. Speranger and his neighbor Mr. Winn should continue to stay in touch and attend meetings where this could be further discussed. When the time is right grants can be applied for that would assist with design and engineering and eventually grants to construct such facilities as well.

**Bike Education in Schools – Update**

Ms. Goldman indicated that the Committee had a very successful program at Kutz Elementary School in May. It was a three-day event involving the gym classes. Ms. McElroy from the Committee as well as representatives Ms. Mannon from Bucks County TMA did great work to bring information to the classroom. The information presented on bike safety and helmet use was very well received

**New Britain Road Trail – Update**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that Baker is through the preliminary design, and they have a proposal pending with the Board to complete the final design, engineering, and bidding of the project. This is pending Board approval at their June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Shady Retreat Saft Routes to School Trail - Update**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that PennDOT had it on the back burner, but DVRPC is moving things along. Documents have been executed and bidding should take place soon. Baker is working to wrap up any engineering PennDOT requests for this \$2.3 million grant project

**Pump Track**

Is open, according to Ms. Wyckoff and the Bucks County Bike Team had 30 children try out. It is being very well received with participation, the composite team is all from local schools for children in grades 6 – 12, all genders and level of skill. Volunteers can always be utilized; Ms. Goldman suggested the composite team participate in the Memorial Day Parade to get more information out there.

### **Prioritizing list of Future Projects**

**Pebble Hill Road** – Ms. Goldman indicated that Mr. Clark, Mr. Gage, and herself met with neighbors from Cherry Lane to the Borough line. Many are very interested in the Pebble Hill Road project. There is a small bridge over a pond that will need to be crossed, some innovation ways of doing that will need to be discussed with PennDOT, Baker should be reaching out to them to talk about options for that. In addition, communications with some of the property owners in greater detail about the project and the need for easements should be initiated and encouraged for this project.

Mr. Kelso presented to the Board of Supervisors at their June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and explained the project to the Board.

Mr. Disciullo will work on a letter to residents, such as the Cahill's, the Munshower's and others where there is some slope and difficulty working within the right of way along Pebble Hill Rd. Although the circuit requires 10' wide, we may have to neck the bridge down to maybe 5' also a visual buffer along the Doylestown Country Club will need to be done. We need to tighten up the project.

Callan Tract – Mr. Disciullo indicated that he met with Mr. Torpey, Pennoni regarding the trail extension. There is only one property next to the existing Tabor Property that would need to be contacted and included.

**Adjournment** - Being no further the meeting adjourned at 9:22am. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 8:00 am** at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager