

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Tom Kelso; Larry Gage; Marilyn Jacobson; Roger Clark; Caitlin Hernandez; Emily Valmore; Chris Smirga; Christian Regosch, Bucks County; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Minutes Approval August 15, 2023 – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Ms. Jacobson the minutes were unanimously approved.

Pebble Hill Trail – Update

Several members of the Committee along with Mr. Discuillo met with Mr. Cahill on Pebble Hill Road at the corner of Christopher Lane to discuss crossing his property. We discussed the slope of the hill, the trees and potentially a fence. He was pleased with the opportunity to discuss with us the possibility of getting safely into town.

Mr. Kelso indicated that previously he had met with the neighbor across the street, the meeting went well, and they are interested. We still need to meet with the Munshower Property. An easement would be needed for construction, so we can keep the trail within the right-of-way. We discussed the bridge and working with PennDOT, because this is Bicycle Route S people are incredibly positive that will occur.

It was noted that Steve Discuillo, Baker Engineers is moving on from Baker. The committee wishes him luck.

New Britain Road Trail Project - Update

Baker Engineers is working on a final design and preparation of bid documents. Still need to meet with the HOA regarding handicap access and crossing. Will follow up with Chris Stanford.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – TASA Grant

Ms. Mason reported that per Mr. Stanford, PennDOT contract management through Connects has addressed all plans at this point in time, advertisement for construction is anticipated in late September with bids closing sometime in late October. We will send updates via letters to residents once the bids are received.

Ms. Valmore inquired about the light at the Hospital, there was some discussion about realignment that does not look like it would occur, however there are some tweaks as part of the project to the light. There was a discussion regarding the delineators along the old section, some of which have been removed. Mr. Clark indicated that sometimes bollards would be helpful, for example at Saurerman left near Turk as the delineators there.

Pump Track

Things are going well. Ms. Goldman thanked Ms. Wyckoff for all her work.

Bucks County Trail Projects – Updates

Neshaminy Greenway Phase I Plans –BCPC is hoping to have them by the end of this week. PennDOT has had a response that there is more concrete in the project. This has been ongoing since 2014 but not moving due to a variety of issues.

The County also indicated that there is an open meeting in Newtown for the Rail Trail. They are working with Gilmore; it will take the trail to the Churchville Nature Center. The Upper Southampton portion is already done, it is about 1.4 miles.

Neshaminy Greenway Phase II – nothing is happening at this point.

Prioritizing list of Future Projects

The Easton Road Trail – from Tabor to Steeplechase – the TASA grant application was submitted on September 15th.

Bicycle Safety Program – The School Program with Nicole from the TMA – Ms. Valmore is working on this, the goal is to go to Kutz, things went well at Doyle. They are going to continue to build that Bicycle Safety Program with TMA.

Silhouette Project – Ms. Hendrixson indicated she will be back to MBIT soon, she put a poster around about the silhouette project, hopefully there will be interest.

Chalfont – Ms. Jacobson said thank you for the support of their new trail project. She said that the project is moving forward, need to select plants for it. Ms. Goldman offered to talk to a potential donor for plants.

Mr. Wood indicated that on the Board's agenda for this evening it includes a bid for Bike/Hike Trail maintenance. The Committee thought that was great.

There was a question about the Bristol Road extension and a trail from the Pine Run School. Ms. Jacobson indicated that there are some constraints but, it will most certainly be moving along hopefully by 2027, Chalfont hopes to have the easement for the trail to put in the section to Lindenfield soon.

Adjournment - Being no further the meeting adjourned at 8:53am. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 8:00 am** at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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