

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
April 19, 2011

Present: Tom Kelso, Art Glass, Judy Hendrixson, Amy Mazzanti, Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough, Andy Hamilton, Chris Stanford, Michael Baker Engineers, Elsie White, Dick Patterson, Bruce Taylor, Kelly McGowen and John LaSala (New Britain Twp.)

Destination Peace Valley

Chris Stanford indicated that the final study had been completed and met the request of more information from DCNR, which will be sent along with the resolutions to the state DCNR office. The Bike & Hike Committee acknowledged the letter from Dr. Murphy. The committee felt pleased that they were working towards bringing a trail to the New Britain Train Station.

Neamand Tract (Doylestown Executive Quarters/Silver Maple Farms)

This plan is pending before the Township Planning Commission, there was discussion regarding having the trail along the berm of the pond. However, there was some concern that that may not happen although the Park Board would like it to, further discussion will occur at the Planning Commission level.

Community Art

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the first piece of metal was cut by the Graphic Arts Department; they have to finish up the edges. Unfortunately the teacher is not getting back to her in a timely manner. There was also some discussion regarding getting the appropriate bridge occupancies for the new bridges over the 202 Parkway where we could add additional art work in the future.

Pebble Hill Road

We are waiting a second appraisal for the Azar/Rex properties. There was also discussion indicating that Pebble Hill road is Route S and that it needs to be repaved and it is truly becoming a problem. There was a recommendation to contact the local PennDot office to find out when they are going to be paving Pebble Hill Road from Green Street to Edison Furlong Road.

Cycling Education and Safety

Will occur from 10am – 12pm on Saturday, June 18th, volunteers are still needed. Volunteers are collecting helmets hopefully they will be able to give them away as well. There was some discussion about holding a bike drive at the same time; it was recommended that people volunteering arrive at 8:45am, if they are going to help.

Additional Items Discussed

There was also some discussion regarding trail in Buckingham. Dick Patterson indicated that we should have a connection but the Borough would not allow it to go through Maplewood. He should speak with the Borough.

Olde Colonial Greene needs a connector going to Doyle and getting a trail in there, there is a need to get PennDot approval to cross over the bridge with the barriers.

Promo for the Bucks County Bicycle Plan which will be meeting April 20th at 6:00pm at the Township Building, it is the 3rd in a series of 3 public input meetings.

Kelly McGowen of Foy Drive, Doylestown Township was concerned about access to Bridge Valley Elementary School and the traffic and lack of shoulders and a walking path from Foy Drive to the school. There was some discussion as to whether or not Safe Routes to School Grant might become available and that the Committee should look at the potential of adding trail along Sugar Bottom Road from Foy Drive. The school district may be looking to eliminate bus routes having a trail a mile and a half from the school is helpful.

Meeting on May 10, 2011 will be in the Rosenfeld Room at the Student Service Center at Delaware Valley College.

Respectfully submitted,

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