Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting March 20, 2012

Present: Lynn Goldman, Tom Kelso, Judy Hendrixson, Amy Mazzanti, Bruce Taylor, Chris Stanford, Elsie White, Mary Pat Holewinski, Marilyn Jacobson, Dick Patterson, Louise Silberg, Art Glass, Delaware Valley College and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Parkway Dedication Update

Ms. Mason indicated that the committee had a meeting earlier this month; the next meeting will be April 19, 2012 at 11:00am, Doylestown Township Building. The tentative date is set for September 16, 2012 with a rain date of September 23, 2012. The hope is to have a number of tents that could provide information about the Parkway from PennDot, a Legislative Booth, a Delaware Valley College Booth, a Bike/Hike, EAC and Park & Recreation Board Booth as well. We need to touch base with Brue Hochman to see if he can do some education that day. Doylestown Hospital is going to be doing a special bike ride for families, it will be a 14 mile round trip starting at 8:00am with a general ride or stroll at 9:00am, refreshments will also be provided. Volunteers are needed and the committee will be doing fundraising. There is to be a plaque renaming the Park & Ride Lot in memory of Walter Berry, who was very supportive of the Route 202 Project and pathway trail associated with. Baker Engineering is going to be making up maps showing the regional area connecting to the Parkway.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail DVRPC Grant

Mr. Kelso indicated that some of the money from Phase I will be carried over into Phase II, we have cleared the area, have walked the area and a wetland study is underway, permitting for the HOP is also in process. The area along Upper State Road is somewhat difficult, hopefully we will be able to come out at the driveway and cross over to New Britain Township and take it up to the cemetery from there. Beulah Cemetery has the easement agreements. Art Glass of Delaware Valley College indicated that things look good. It was recommended that the committee walk the area, meet at the Chalfont New Britain Sewer Authority on April 11, 2012 at 3:30pm and walk the newly cleared proposed area.

DCNR Grant Opportunities

There is a grant due the end of April.

We will be putting in for Destination Peace Valley, we have a letter of support from the New Britain Civic Association and we have reached out to Bill Mitchell at Bucks County. It was suggested that Ms. Mason contact Lynn Bush.

Trail Connection from Doylestown Borough to Buckingham

Ms. Mason met with Mr. Davis from Doylestown Borough and Dana Coza from Buckingham Township to talk about the need for improving that. Ms. Coza indicated that there had been several plans for trails along the Cold Spring Creamery but with development stalled those paths are not being built at this time. The hope is that things will happen, but looking at the wider map there is the ability with sharrows to get through the Maplewood section and surprisingly there is a four foot wide area with spilt rail fence at both sides that connects you to Stable Drive in Buckingham Township that can take you out to Cold Spring and get on the pathway from there. This need to be publicized a bit more which should help in the interim.

Other Business

Ms. Goldman indicated that she has a concern from attorney Bill Goldman regarding utilizing services such as Baker Engineering. We reminded her that Baker Engineers has come to us through the RFP process, is also working with other municipalities such as New Britain and Chalfont also obtained through an RFP process. They are becoming the experts in the area of trails. They have always done an excellent job in providing engineering for safe trails in the Township and Borough.

Recognition of Corrine Cody

With the recent passing of Dr. Cody it was suggested that the Kutz Path be resealed and that a bench be placed there with a sign indicating that this section of the trail is dedicated in memory of Corrine Cody. We should try to have this done by the fall of 2012. Obviously family and friends donations are being collected in her memory.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 8AM