

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
February 19, 2013**

Present: Lynn Goldman, Steve White, Peter Fernandez, Rick Colello, Judy Hendrixson, Tom Kelso, Steve White, Mary Pat Holewinski, Chris Stanford, Andy Clark, Louise Silberg, Amy Mazzanti, Dick John, Andy Hamilton, Melissa Schaefer and Stephanie J. Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Destination Peace Valley Update

Mr. Kelso reported that we are still waiting on the easement from the county. Ms. Mason reported that she communicated with Lynn Bush through email as well as through a one-on-one meeting when she ran into her recently. Mr. Kelso reported that he reached out to her as well. It was recommended that Ms. Goldman reach out to Mike Klimpl, County Solicitor.

Central Bucks Bicycle Club Grant

We received \$600. We also received a letter from SEPTA and it was recommended that we have them attend the March meeting at 9 am and go out into the field to look at the railroad crossing of Lower State Road. Also, they'd like a PENNDOT representative so we will have a PENNDOT representative attend the meeting as well. We will use the grant money to put signage along the area of the railroad and Lower State Road.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail – DVRPC Grant – Update

Mr. Kelso completed the description meets and bounds for the easement for the Chalfont/New Britain Sewer Treatment Plant that was sent to Mr. Garton who will incorporate into the easement agreement. The hope is then to take that information to the County Open Space Committee in late March or April and request the over \$300,000 approved by the Board of Supervisors along with money the Township has budgeted and in kind services by the township. This trail should be able to get underway by late summer or early fall. There are two wetlands crossings and some permits that still need to be approved by DEP, Army Core and the Conservation District.

Septa/Lower State Road

Everyone discussed the potential of the pedestrian bicycle crossing at the railroad tracks on Lower State Road. Also taking the trail from the Delaware Valley Property up over the railroad through the Ball property, through the little house, under the bridge, through the Teversall area and connecting with the YMCA. This makes a nice Safe Route to School Grant application. It was recommended to get the residents or the property owners who abut the proposed trail to a meeting in April and sketch up how the plan could look. Obviously, there will be a lot of engineering and design for something that seems pretty straight forward. Melissa Schaeffer, from Chalfont, indicated that they're spending approximately \$180,000 on a railroad crossing at Bristol. It is quite complicated and involves the P.U.C.

Trail Extension/New Britain Road

Judy Hendrixson indicated that at the Board of Supervisors presentation on February 5, there were some residents in attendance who inquired at the possibility of linking a trail from the backside of Central Park along

New Britain Road to 611. It was suggested that we add this to our next agenda and that we start to include this on a map, it does make sense.

Other Business

Neshaminy Greenway Phase 3 - DVRPC

Ms. Schaeffer indicated that she needs cost estimates for the Upper State Road to Bristol section as well as the nature preserve to the New Britain train station for the next round of funding.

The County Bike Plan

Mr. Hamilton indicated that the three focuses of the County Bike Plan right now are to connect the Doylestown and New Hope Trail, Quakertown to Saucon Valley Trail and the Levittown Route 13 Trail out to the Neshaminy Mall. Mr. Kelso commented that it's important to also connect from Chalfont to the Neshaminy as the Bucks County Planning Commission is starting to work on its grant and they are only focusing on Doylestown south. He is going to the meeting and intends to request that they connect from Chalfont and expand their scope of study.

Louise Silberg, from Buckingham Township, was present and she said she is working with her township and park and recreation board to expand trails in their community and would like to see more linkages. She really liked the County Bike Plan as adopted. She thinks it has a lot of good tools.

A kiosk is proposed for Lower State and the 202 Parkway with money from the DVRPC grant. Peter Fernandez was wondering if we should have a design contest, but since we already have the funding it was the consensus not to, but Peter Fernandez, Judy Hendrixson and Lynn Goldman will meet and see about ways of incorporating tile that Katia McGirk does into the kiosks. The idea is to have a three-panel kiosk for a Bike/Hike map at the 202 Parkway and general information about the area and safe bicycling and riding.

Mr. Hamilton also indicated that he would like to see PA Bicycle Route S along Pebble Hill Road reclassified. Since PennDot is going to be resurfacing that road, the Borough is going to do some improvements to the township line along Green Street which then becomes Pebble Hill Road perhaps adding sharrows. However, at 40 m.p.h. they won't add those, so the speed study is underway and we're going to see if it can be reduced. He would also like to see bicycle Route S begin to incorporate the 202 Parkway as well. No one had a problem with that.

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