Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting April 16, 2013

Present: Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman, Rick Colello, Judy Hendrixson, Marilyn Jacobson, Andy Hamilton, Mary Pat Holewinski, Don Richardson, Amy Mazzanti, Steve White, Dick Patterson, Shawn Touhill, Bruce Hockman, Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Great American Clean Up

Will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2013, 10:00AM to Noon. Meet at the Walter Berry Trailhead

Presentation New Britain Borough

Don Borden and Rob Stout along with three students from their Studio 4 Design class at Delaware Valley College were present to talk about a project that they are working on with New Britain Borough. They are doing a corridor study of Butler Avenue. They are looking for connection for pedestrians and bicyclists to make the community more walkable. There was a good dialogue between the committee and the students regarding their project and way to interconnect New Britain Borough with the Doylestown Community Bike Hike System and projects ongoing such as Neshaminy Greenway and the Destination Peace Valley Trail.

We discussed the foot lane on the College property that takes your towards the Seven/Eleven and ways to interconnect that and perhaps add the Borough make a small park at the corner of Shady Retreat Rd and Butler Ave.

It was very interesting and the students would be hosting some public meetings at Delaware Valley College in the coming weeks as well.

There will be a public presentation on May 2, 2013

Destination Peace Valley Update

We are still waiting on the County for the easement. According to Lynn Bush everything is in the works. There is still money in Open Space and it was recommended that both New Britain Borough and Doylestown Township look a perhaps tapping some of the Open Space money for the Destination Peace Valley project.

Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase III - DVRPC

The easements are in hand, on April 18, 2013 Mr. Kelso and Mr. Stanford will be meeting with DEP to be looking at the permitting for the project. The kiosk at Lower State Road is underway and we are looking to having those done later this year.

The development on the former White Eagle Labs property is under construction. We are hoping for that connection from Neamand Park into the Route 202 Parkway trail will also occur by the end of the year and we would be able to complete the Neshaminey Greenway Trail along the Delaware Valley College property and the Chalfont New Britain Sewer Authority property as well.

The County Open Space Board will hear the presentation that the Township Open Space funds be used for the project later this month.

Ms. Holewinski indicated that by the end of the month the apple orchard property on Keeley Ave will be sold to them from the developer.

SEPTA

Ms. Mason reported that after the last meeting several people met with PennDot and SEPTA, the railroad crossing was discussed, it was agreed that signs dismount bike be installed on Lower State Road approaching the railroad.

Trail Extension New Britain Road

Mr. Kelso discussed this with Mr. John, Doylestown Township Director of Operations, and will have a concept map for the next meeting.

Pebble Hill Road

Mr. Hamilton indicated that approval was provided for 35MPH, the next step is repaving and restriping, making bicycle friendly route and getting sharrows added.

Ms. Mason indicated that he must go to the May Traffic Advisory Committee and make that request of them as well.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am.