

**Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting  
October 21, 2014**

**Present:** Marilyn Jacobson, Judy Hendrixson, Chris Stanford, Sarah Patterson, Baker Engineers, Bruce Hochman, Paul Gordon, Tom Kelso, Andy Hamilton, Andy Clark, Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy, Steve White, Roy Reider, Warrington Township, Louise Silbert, Buckingham Township, Dick Patterson, Mary Pat Holewinski, Bill Wert, Shawn Touhill, Board of Supervisor Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

**Destination Peace Valley Bridge – Update**

Ms. Mason indicated that the Ribbon Cutting for the Peace Valley Trail will take place at 2:00PM on November 7, 2014. There will be a bus to greet everyone at Covered Bridge and take them over to the Neshaminy Greenway Trail where ribbon cutting will take place. Back on the bus to Covered Bridge where the second ribbon cutting will occur. Refreshments will follow.

Construction of the trail work is 100% done. The section along the Pine Run has been repaired with the screenings and is a nice surface and will be pulled out shortly.

Civic Association has a question on the parking lot and easy way to access for handicap, a quick ramp will be installed to accommodate handicap parking adjacent to the trail.

Additional fencing may be installed as well.

The bridge is still being developed, Barwis will be providing a quote for a 70' bridge, should be ready to go by the third Tuesday of November.

**Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail – Update**

Again, everything is being finished up in preparation for the dedication and ribbon cutting on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Signage will be coming forth; also, the White Eagle Lab Trail that connects to the Parkway Trail is also being completed. Stop bars need to be added, concern about the access diagonal to the trail.

The kiosk at the intersection of Lower State and the Parkway is under construction, needs some posters to be put in there as well as the Emergency 911 signage. Mr. White will get together with Mr. Kelso and the Township to determine the best spacing for the emergency signage.

**Bike/Hike Ride – September 28, 2014 – Recap**

Everyone felt the ride went well with about 50 people in attendance. People were fine with the ride; especially the circle of the town was enjoyed along with the family ride with ice cream.

It was a long day of 8 hours. It was suggested that probably try to compact that into about 4 hours. The Hospital would be glad to host again.

**Annual Bike/Hike Bus Tour – Tuesday, September 30, 2014 - Recap**

Nice group on the tour. Really got to see what was taking place along the various trails that are soon to be dedicated that really enhances the existing Bike/Hike System.

## **Neshaminy Greenway Chalfont & Upper State Road**

Starting in Chalfont from Twin Streams to the Chalfont New Britain Sewer Treatment Plant a portion will be set from Lenape to Upper State. Talking to a lot of people trying to work out the least impact.

Ms. Jacobson went to a meeting in New Britain Township where they approved the proposed plan. The Willow Wood residents have concerns as do the Windomere residents. Mr. Coleman on Upper State Road is very willing to allow the easement for the Bike Trail. That connection will come to Upper State Road where the hope will be that Doylestown Township will be able to connect its trail and be able to get and get to the New Britain Train Station.

There are certainly some challenges regarding this, worst case scenario would be to have to go out onto Bristol Road and Upper State Road.

Ms. Thompson indicated that the circuit could help garner more support for the individuals in the municipality, on the importance of this Neshaminy Greenway and how it connects to a larger 750 mile trail.

Ms. Mason announced that DCNR did grant the Township \$326,000 for Phase 3 of the Neshaminy Greenway this will take the trail from Upper State Road through New Britain Township at the cemetery through New Britain Borough along Tamenend to the New Britain Train Station. Once all the paperwork is in place we will be able to begin field view meetings with the property owners and layout the best path to the Train Station.

Mr. Stanford indicated New Britain Borough is waiting to obtain a grant that will bring them down from Butler Ave. to the Train Station as well; they continue to work on that.

### **Other Business**

Solebury Township received \$500,000 to do a trail from the Delaware Canal to the New Hope Solebury High School, it is three miles.

Baker Engineers is working with all the communities along Route 611 from Cheltenham Ave to Doylestown Township and as part of that corridor study, looking at ways for bicycles and pedestrians to safely navigate the road.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10AM. The next meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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