Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting September 15, 2015

Present: Sara Patterson, Baker Engineers, Marilyn Jacobson, Mary Pat Holewinski, Andy Clark, Dick Patterson, Lynn Goldman, Judy Hendrixson, Tom Kelso, Elizabeth Wyckoff, Peter Fernandez, Taylor Tomlinson, Autumn Canfield, Special Projects Coordinator and Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager.

Guest:

Trail Awareness Day 2015, September 20, 2015 –

8:00am start at Doylestown Hospital. 10:00am Ice Cream Ride to Delaware Valley University Farm Market. I believe we are ready to go, we will need two cases of water, pop up tent, table, two chairs, the waiver forms and trail maps & perhaps copies of the trail rides.

Ms. Goldman will be out of town, either Mr. Kelso or Ms. Mason will do a welcome.

Next year Ms. Goldman suggested a new location for the start be considered perhaps Covered Bridge Park.

Pebble Hill Road, Cherry Lane down the hill is dangerous according to Ms. Goldman and wanted to alert PennDot that it is a state bicycle route and perhaps start coordinating better facilities for that roadway.

Mr. Kelso suggested that we speak with Mr. Gordon at Bucks County Planning Commission and get the county involved and speak to the new state bike coordinator.

A thank you to Ms. Thompson for the walk through the Hart's Woods after the last meeting.

Review of Projects

Lower State Road – Ms. Patterson indicated that a PennDot safety review has been completed. SEPTA will have a say in terms of the crossing as wells as the PUC. They are working through that and anticipate that all the things that are required will be completed by August of 2016.

We do not need easements from Teversal, everything will be done in the right of way and PennDot is okay with removing the de-cel lane.

Paperwork from property owners which will be Delaware Valley University, the Martins and Ball will still be needed. Suggest inviting them to a meeting after the October meeting to give everybody an update. Anticipate this project being bid with construction to start in the spring of 2017.

Heritage Trail – Ms. Patterson indicated that the barriers are being delivered next Monday. Ms. Mason announced that the Township received a \$10,000 PECO Green Region Grant for extending that trail to Turk Road. That is an item that will also be further budgeted to complete that project for a grant obtained.

Neshaminy Greenway Phase III – Monday, September 21st at 6:30pm meeting with residents at the Chapel at Beulah Cemetery will be held. The Chalfont/New Britain Sewer Authority and the athletic group have met with Mr. Kelso, Ms. Jacobson and Ms. Mason. They are onboard with the project coming through their property.

New Britain Township is going to send notice to their residents from Teal Drive to the cemetery line. Three or four properties need notice.

New Britain Borough supplied the addresses and the Doylestown Township has already sent out notices about Monday's meeting.

Again, this project should be ready for construction sometime in 2016 & 2017.

Other Business -

Bike Riding Basics –

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that there is Bike Riding Basics, from Linden Elementary School to the new pop up park that is on State Street in the Borough. That is on Saturday, September 19th at 8:30am.

Trees -

Mr. Fernandez indicated that he will coordinate with Feeney's and Butch Froehlich about getting trees donated. He also noted that some questions about using more native plants, however, those are difficult to get and we really should not be looking a gift horse in the mouth when Feeney's is donating plant material.

Ms. Goldman suggested that we do some more planting near Route 202 and the bypass however; Mr. Fernandez said that is not a good location due to sight distance for vehicles entering and exiting the Route 611 Bypass.

Pine Run Community –

Mr. Kelso raised a question on connecting the Pine Run Community to the trail at Destination Peace Valley. He has talked to a couple to of people who live up there and they are very interested and suggest that we pursue looking into that further.

Ms. Jacobson announced that October 23st at 10:00am, 58 Blue Jay Lane a trail dedication will take place behind Umami Middle School. They added an 8' wide trail; she also indicated that the feasibility study for the Blue Jay Park to the Route 202 Parkway is also underway.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned a little after 9:00am. The next meeting will be October 20, 2015 at 8AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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