

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting

July 19, 2016

Present: Lynn Goldman, Tom Kelso; Dick Patterson; Mary Pat Holewinski; Judy Hendrixson; Bill Wert; Bob Ruddy; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Andy Clark; Liz Wyckoff; Dick Bach; Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Jim Lazer of Teversall.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway Phase III – Sewer plant to Cemetery – Working to wrap up the easement, documentation is with Mr. Garton, Township Solicitor.

Mike Kaminski from the state DCNR Grant has more paperwork that we need to file once the easements are in place.

The Bid Package is being prepared; Mr. Stanford is working with Mr. John to have the Township do some of the initial work on this site.

Lower State Road – The agreement with Mr. Ball as well as SEPTA is on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for this evening (July 19, 2016).

Mr. Stanford and Mr. Kelso were on a bike ride touring various areas with SEPTA representative Jeff Knoeble, they indicated the importance of this project and working together.

Mr. Lazer from Teversall appreciated the Township time and Mr. Stanford's time to address the issues and improve the installing of the ballard, which he thought was a good idea. The radius is still a concern. Mr. Stanford is going to look at trying to soften that as much as he can but with the 1' shoulder total width 11' they are meeting safety requirements for the path which is ASHTO standards which requires the designs that Mr. Stanford's office has put together.

Town's Edge Land Development proposal for the old Goetzberger Property, looking to do some slowing of traffic with that project. Mr. Stanford said that he would look to see if they could squeeze another foot or two.

Mr. Lazer indicated that would be helpful.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road – Want to get the school and the kids involved and incorporate that with Bike Route S on Pebble Hill Road. The state representative from PennDot was at the meeting we had at Aldie Mansion in May would be helpful to coordinate that project with him in addition to the help from Mr. Fenimore and his son.

Keeley Avenue has been completed; believe that just the top coat has to be completed as part of the Destination Peace Valley project that connects in with New Britain Borough's park. Long range plans with New Britain Township with the County.

Ms. Goldman suggested we look at Chapman Road and connecting behind the church to make a connection on that side of Peace Valley Park.

New Britain Township is still working along Keeley Avenue at Ferry to make connections and continuing along Iron Hill Road to the park.

There is trail proposed for Pine Run near Penn Color. Stone Barn Manor will get connected as well.

Versailles Circle – Mr. Clark indicated that with the new handicap ramps there is a bit of a bump. He got a flat tire and suggests that the Public Works Department take a look at that.

Shady Retreat and Buelah – Mr. Wert indicated that the area is sort of overgrown and needs some herbicides put down.

Pebble Hill Road - Route 202 to the Bridge – suggest design to meet with PennDot and the property owners as it will be difficult dealing with that area as it is a major crossing and site distance could be a concern.

Other Business –

Trail Awareness Day – September 25, 2016 is the 911 Hero's Run and it was suggested that to have a vendor table and not do a separate event but just promote that as a day to get out and ride on the various trails.

Perhaps have a table at the Arts Festival in September as well.

We would need representatives for both.

Heritage Conservancy – Ms. Thompson indicated that they have funding to work on the trail from Doylestown to New Hope and are looking to facilitate with Buckingham, New Hope and Solebury.

Mr. Kelso suggested that perhaps it is time to bring everyone together. Using the money that Heritage Conservancy has and have the County involved as well. This works well because the Conservancy is neutral and can be very helpful in bringing all parties together to move that trail project forward.

CMAC Funding – Mr. Gordon indicated that he is hoping to hear soon from the state on whether or not the County received the CMAC funding for 611 Corridor. Hopefully we will know something by the August or September meeting.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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