

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
October 18, 2016

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Andy Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; Dick Patterson; Marilyn Jacobson; Judy Hendrixson; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Bill Wert; Bob Ruddy; Tom Kelso; Taylor Thompson, Heritage Conservancy; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway – Mr. Stanford indicated that the project started on September 21, 2016 and they are just about done with the first phase. It takes it from Upper State Road at the sewer treatment plant, a parking lot was installed. The trail come all the way through the sewer treatment plant property and crosses to the New Britain Township side of Upper State Road, through an easement on a residential property and starts into the cemetery property.

Work will be done next year with New Britain Township and Doylestown Township Public Works Departments working together resurfacing the trail through the cemetery utilizing their existing drive.

Three easements are still needed in New Britain Borough and two in Doylestown Township. The Borough and Township are both working with the property owners to obtain those easements.

Lower State Road – Mr. Stanford indicated that the plans are about 99% done. They went to PennDot for final contractor advertising by the end of the year. The hope is to start the project in the spring of 2017. Waiting for PennDot and SEPTA, with the crossing we anticipate being done maybe in June.

Items have been resolved with the Teversall Home Owners Association. Mr. Kelso, Mr. Stanford and Ms. Mason will be attending their HOA meeting.

Adding a basin and hopefully by the end of fall of 2017 the project will be done.

Mr. Patterson asked about the way the crossing took place. Mr. Stanford indicated that the crossing the tracks is a perpendicular fence with hand/man signals automatic.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road – We have not heard from Mr. Fetteroff although he was invited to attend. We will reach out to him again to see where he is at with his fundraising concept.

Limekiln & Shady Retreat Roads – It was suggested that Limekiln & Shady Retreat could be a project for the Bike/Hike Committee, there is a 30% match, it is a PennDot multi-modal. Mr. Stanford was going to look into that.

Other Business –

Bucks County CMAQ Grant – Mr. Gordon indicated that exploring this project and he met internally with Youth Detention Center and some of the others trying to form a committee and get people involved from that standpoint. They are a little hesitant to open it too much to the public. As they feel the project approved and underway looking at public safety issues and the like. They anticipate things getting started shortly.

Mr. Gordon explained that he was on a trip in the Adirondacks and how the rail trail near Lake Placid is very interesting travel experience. He also brought us up to date on the Newtown Rail Trail conversion and the

concerns of residents regarding “Stranger Danger” and how they are working to bring alternatives to the concepts.

PRPS Upcoming Trail Announcement – Mr. Wert indicated that there is an opening for state wide committee representatives also with DCNR Grant that New Britain Township is applying.

Mr. Clark indicated that he was clearing out a closet and came across a newspaper article from the fall of 1885 in the Philadelphia Times about the cycle trail that they spent \$400 on in Millville, NJ which was interesting.

There was a question about Lake Galina design and engineering is moving forward. Hopefully they are going to get it paved in the fall or spring but they had to have 12 different agencies review it according to Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Kelso suggested that it was important to put the Destination Peace Valley Trail from Iron Hill to Peace Valley on the circuit map and he was going to work with Mr. Gordon and see about getting that on the circuit.

Mr. Patterson indicated that he was running from Delaware Valley University to Covered Bridge and wants to know what plans New Britain Borough had. Ms. Holewinski indicated that New Britain Borough is working with the Knoll Tract along Shady Retreat for another connection as well.

Mr. Ruddy indicated that he was recently out in Santa Fe on Route 66 in Flagstaff and did about 70 miles a day on his bike.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he rode up near Quebec and Ms. Holewinski indicated that Wellsboro has a 60 mile trail and DCNR Trail Head.

Mr. Gordon indicated that there is an Open House Richland Fire Company 3.2 miles Upper Bucks Trail to Saucon Valley.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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