

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2017

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; Keith Peters, Mary Pat Holewinski; Larry Gage; Marilyn Jacobson; Andy Clark; Dan Wood; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Bill Wert; Keith & Case Fenimore; Louise Silberg Buckingham Township; Rebecca Fink, Buckingham Township; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Minutes Approval – The minutes were approved for April 18, 2017.

Review of Projects

Callan Tract – David Callan from 2140 S. Easton Road, project near Tabor is proposing a subdivision and he would like to install Bike Path along the frontage. Loves the trail system and is willing to work with the Township. He wanted to know what the square yard cost would be.

Mr. Stanford indicated that it would be \$60 - \$70 per square yard. It is a 6' stone base, 3" wearing course and 1" top. At least 5' outside the edge of the shoulder and has to meet the ASHTO Guidelines. It will probably have to be a bit weavy due to the grade at the location but they are incorporating it as part of their plan.

Mr. Callan offered a fundraising event to Arenas Del Mar. It is a 38 room hotel in Costa Rica, he would donate it and flyers – the funds could help Bike/Hike or other Township fundraising efforts.

The Committee thought it was a great way to replenish the Bike/Hike Trail Fund.

Neshaminy Greenway – Waiting for Mr. Emmell to sign easement on Friday, two separate checks were needed. SEPTA has begun to do some work out there. The New Britain Township trail through the easement at the cemetery will start construction this summer as well.

Lower State Road – Had meeting with the property owners and JDM, doing the field work getting things set up. SEPTA has already started to do some work on the line, should have no impact on the train.

Pump Tract Project – 400 yards of clean fill is needed. They received a \$10,000 donation and are looking forward to raising \$10,000 more.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road – Mr. Fenimore indicated that he had an event at the Boy Scout Office for the Turk Road/Pebble Hill Road Project to bring awareness. He passed out flyers; he certainly had the interest of Linden Elementary School as well as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Kutz Elementary Schools. He is hoping to get more people interested and is going to attend the Farmers Market on June 10th, he is really hoping that the Township and Borough received the study grant funding from DCNR.

Other Business –

Bucks County CMAQ Grant – Mr. Gordon indicated that Boucher and James has been awarded the contract for the trail. Things will be moving forward, field visits will begin and the committee will be updated as they make progress.

Telecommunications Advisory Board - DTV – Mr. Keith Peters from the committee indicated that there are opportunities to put videos on events on the Township Website and the YouTube Channel as well as the Township's DTV Channels 22 & 31. It would be good to look at the videos that we have up there now and would encourage the Bike/Hike Committee to provide additional information on various activities that they're

working on. Highlight trails, stories, safety videos all can be posted under Bike/Hike, certainly something on the Lower State. If the committee can take the video it can be edited and posted.

Circuit Meeting – Mr. Gordon indicated that there is additional trail providing information with 10 signs that can be posted and meet afterward to discuss where those could be to link the circuit and 202 Parkway and Neshaminy Greenway Trail.

He also mentioned that on June 9th Lynn Bush will be retiring from the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Buckingham Township Update – Ms. Silberg indicated that they are going ahead and making trails plan. They are looking for information to help educate people.

Open Space Update – Ms. Jacobson, Chalfont Borough indicated that Bucks County Open Space Board money from 10 years ago chose not to move forward for now or doing anything else. The committee is going to be sunsetting soon. Many do not have any more open space to fund, hoping that some may be available for trails or other things, direct applications perhaps for wider trails or additional trails for plans.

New Britain Township – Met with Willow Wood area residents in hopes to make a trail connection near the Chalfont New Britain Sewer Authority and New Britain Township is moving forward.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

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