

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

Present: Tom Keslo; Judy Hendrixson; Mary Pat Holewinski; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Keith & Case Fenimore; Louise Silberg; Andy Clark; Liz Wykoff; Marilyn Jacobson; Sam Bryant; Taylor Thompson; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisor Liaison; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway Update – Mr. Stanford provided an update, the contractor has begun working along Almshouse/Tamenend. Work is also being done under the TAP Grant that New Britain has coming from Butler Ave down to the train station. The two projects will meet in the middle. SEPTA is finishing up their improvements. Anticipating trees being trimmed and coming down today and tomorrow. Drainage on the Borough's side is being done with Township forces, who will be reimbursed under the contract. New Britain Township is to be doing the work in the cemetery; however they are having some difficulty with a drainage issue.

Mr. Stanford and Mr. Tomko will follow up with them.

It is expected all the work will be finished this fall.

Lower State Road Update – Mr. Stanford indicated that the ADA Ramp needs to be approved by PennDot, it is still in process. He still anticipates the project to be completed by mid-November. Upgrades to the signal and stop signs, mid-block crossing at Lower State Road near Garden Path needs to be addressed. Signs for the cross walk need to be added, sidewalk is being worked on.

Township wide path crossing with permit from the State needs to be approved in the plan whenever we change the location but they have made the process very easy since PennDot got rid of the Bike Occupancy Permit.

Need to work on the planning for the ribbon cutting sometime in early November – this is still very tentative.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road Update – Waiting for the state budget approval and dealing with the trail. Mr. Fenimore asked what happens if the Township does not receive the grant. Mr. Kelso indicated that things could still be sketched out maybe the Committee should do a walk along Turk Road looking at the problem areas might be and then perhaps involve residents from the area, try to refine things. Since it does impact Bike Route S we definitely want to get PennDot involved as well.

Mr. Kelso will coordinate a field walk for some time in October.

Bucks County CMAQ Grant Update – Design is probably a two year process. They know that at some point when they refine things they will need to go to the Township Traffic Advisory Committee.

TAP Grant – Sandy Ridge / Shady Retreat Roads Trail – Mr. Stanford indicated that it is due on Friday; he is working on completing it. It will become part of a larger Safe Routes to School. There are some critical areas indicated that the County Planning Commission asked that they scale back the Sandy Ridge Road section at this time, show it in the grant but not as part of the funding request at this time. The TAP is 100% construction. The trail would connect Burpee up to the West State Street.

Reminder: The Doylestown Mennonite Church is having a dedication of the trail they installed on October 1, 2017.

Other Business –

Ms. Holewinski is selling Ducks for the New Britain Borough Duck Derby

Discussion on the update from the County's presentation on September 7, 2017 at the Library, everyone thought it was a good meeting. Unfortunately we will not be able to meet the deadline for the Arts Festival.

Pump Tract – Ms. Wyckoff provided an update, they are about \$700 short, they have done a lot of fundraising and gotten a number of donations, the silk fence is up and the area is beginning to be cleared. They are looking for clean fill or dirt to put in there and hoping to get that soon. She indicated that there is an area for bike riders along State Street to get to Fanny Chapman, some sidewalk that she is hoping the Borough will put in some signage to guide people to the site.

Bike/Hike Map Update – is needed, if there is a way to merge the tri-municipal map, perhaps get some proposals, need to get it in ArcView and convert it from AutoCAD.

Ms. Silberg indicated that Buckingham Township is starting work on their trail community system as well.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted by:

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