Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes November 21, 2017

Present: Tom Keslo; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Larry Gage; Judy Hendrixson; Marilyn Jacobson; Dick Patterson; Mary Pat Holewinski; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Roger Clark; Andy Clark; Marilyn Jacobson; Taylor Thompson; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisor Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guest:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the October 17, 2018 meeting were approved.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway Update – Mr. Stanford indicated that we're about 90% done. The contractor is almost done. There is some signing and landscaping that still needs to be done. The Township needs to perhaps finish that up in the spring. There will probably be a spring dedication. The fence needs to be installed at the Emmel Property and the bridge still needs to be installed. Buelah Cemetery paving has been completed as well.

Ms. Holewinski, DCED \$600,000 was received for New Britain Borough. This will take the trail from Business 202 area, up Keeley Avenue to make the connection to Covered Bridge Park. Curb cuts at Butler, New Britain Borough still need to be completed. Things are moving along.

Lower State Road Update – The curb cut is still an issue, it has all been approved and hopefully next week the layout and design will be completed and the contractor will begin the installation. Trail is still closed. The committee discussed that in the future doing the designs in house adds to the price of the project and the match on a TAP Grant it is usually easier and less expensive to do a design build on them something to consider in the future.

Ms. Manion brought up the proposed crossing at Garden Path. There was discussion having that design viewed by the Traffic Advisory Committee and look at putting in the appropriate cross walk as people will want to go from that development to the trail.

The committee review the proposed invitation, it was also suggested inviting the Circuit, Bucks County Planning Commission to the event when it occurs, hopefully sometime in December. The committee liked the photo idea to give to the property owners and participants.

Turk Road Trail Extension to Pebble Hill Road Update – Waiting to hear from DCNR, having looked at it on the Bike/Hike Tour this may not be a traditional trail it is very unique. There are a couple of challenges to such a path. We will have to look at it from a safety standpoint as well.

Mr. Stanford attended the DCNR Grant Workshop; if we do not receive the feasibility grant this time around we can always look to do it next year, put in for the grant in April.

Also, we could allow the design funding for the TAP Grant that we applied for Sandy Ridge Road as well.

Bucks County CMAQ Grant Update – Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; indicated that they met with the Fish & Game; the Fish & Game redid the fence recently along Turk Road & Quarry Road. He indicated that the Fish & Game Committee does not like the idea because it bring pedestrians and bicyclist close to their property where they do bow & arrow shooting and they have a lease on property until 2045.

They are going to need to look at the crossing at Quarry, perhaps staying on Quarry Road at some point they will need to speak to the Traffic Advisory Committee and look at options for the crossing as well.

Other Business -

Proposed WAWA – Doylestown Borough – there is the potential for a trail maybe through a TAP Grant to bring a trail from the New Britain Road area all the way down to where the proposed WAWA is on Main St. This could be done with a TAP Grant and perhaps some assistance from the developer if the project goes forward. It would look similar to the crossing at Business 202 over the bypass as well as the Heritage Trail section.

Mr. Clark, East Road, indicated that access is needed from Cherry and East into the Borough. He has talked to some residents who like to walk in the area and he hopes that trail discussion could occur.

Mr. Kelso responded that if the Township receives the feasibility study certainly the scope could include looking at the Cherry and East connection as well, because alternates routes are also required as part of such a feasibility study.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason Township Manager