

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Liz Silberg, Buckingham Township; Dan Wood; Marilyn Jacobson; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Roger Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; County; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Turk Road Resident – Jackie Hayes

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the August 21, 2018 on motion of Ms. Jacobson, seconded by Ms. Hendrixson were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – Mr. Disciullo from Michael Baker commented that it was the bid will be sent out in October.

The right of way with Coleman is moving along.

Ms. Goldman mentioned the Stover Wiggins Property which is in New Britain Borough still may be a possibility for a trail.

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update – Mr. Disciullo, indicated that he and Mr. Stanford are working on some plans looking at two alternatives. One is the Cherry Lane, Buck Run Creek area with a boardwalk trail idea connecting to Pebble Hill. The other one is Pebble Woods near East Road, everything is still open ended from there to the bridge. Then next step is to do a field view, once the rain ceases Mr. Disciullo is hoping to get out there and walk the area to see what might work best. Crossing under Route 202 is potential there is a large property with trees that need to be addressed, right away at Pebble Hill Road that the Township already obtained through Mercer Gate.

Mr. Gage talked about traffic calming, crossing at Cherry Lane and Pebble Hill Road and Turk Road being very important and need to deal with the right of way there. Also, suggesting dealing with the Cilberto or Kumer property, an option of using that as well. These were items that came out of the meeting at the library, Mr. Disciullo indicated that he is trying to piece everything together to making sure that they look at everything on the table as well as possibly putting some bollards and signage on the existing trail.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail– We are kicking things off with the scoping document being forwarded from PennDot which is paying for the project relative to our area. Starting the conversation with PennDot For 2020, two years of planning, also discussed ADA ramps to upgrade and also upgrades to signals. Baker will be reaching out to PennDot to discuss that.

Because PennDot is working on the paving project we are going to try to incorporate those into our plans as well.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon was not in attendance but everyone knows that the work is underway.

Upcoming PennDot Projects – Mr. Disciullo indicated that there are a number of projects that PennDot will be working on, especially related to large paving projects. We're reaching out to make sure there is an opportunity to incorporate trails with those paving projects or better shoulders or bike lanes that PennDot takes that into consideration with their paving projects.

Other Business –

Proposed WAWA in Doylestown Borough – Ms. Hendrixson indicated that she attended the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board and that the WAWA got their approval for the gas station to be part of it. She also indicated that she spoke with the owner and the hope of them providing appropriate access to bike/hike trails and pedestrian access to this site, she invited him to attend a future Bike/Hike Committee meeting as well.

Touring Tails – It was suggested that the Bike/Hike Committee hold an informal tour of the trail system on October 10, 2018 at 3PM.

Pump Track – Ms. Wyckoff indicated that the Philadelphia Pump Track was closed. Rain apparently has destroyed it at this point. We've been fortunate in Doylestown; although the rain has impacted it has still held up very nicely. There isn't anyone else in the area that provides a pump track. There will be a need for good soil and volunteers to do some work.

Educational Bike Safety Program – Ms. Wyckoff indicated that she participated in the program with the gym teacher in Linden. There are questions on whether or not the gym teacher will do it again or the one at Doyle. The project is very important it is good on bike advisory and volunteers, very intensive, the hope is that the gym teachers will gain the knowledge and carry it on going forward. It is about bike maintenance, riding skills, helmets, basics for riding in town.

Boxes that were put together by Corinne were discussed, it was indicated that those are outdated and really need volunteers to participate and be helpful in this program. It was suggested that someone from the committee reach out to Bruce Hochman as a trainer and perhaps he could train other trainers.

There was discussion about the pop-up parks in the Borough over the weekend and the Duck Derby on September 29th and the Township's concert and fireworks on September 29th as well.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 8:00am.

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Respectfully submitted by:

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