

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Larry Gage; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Paul Gordon, Bucks County; Katie Maio; Roger Clark; Keith and Kase Fenimore and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the November 20, 2018 were approved.

Ms. Goldman thanked everyone for all that they do. A special thanks to Mr. Kelso and Ms. Mason. The committee has come a long way. There was a special thank you to Mr. Gage and also to Mr. Gordon for the work he is doing on behalf of the county and recognition to Ms. Maio for her involvement in the Turk Road project. The trails are a wonderful thing for the community, we have been able to sustain the committee for over 25 years and we keep getting new people and younger people involved. The work that Mr. Fenimore did on Pine to Pink, congratulations, it benefits the entire community. Happy Holidays.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – Tabled

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Update – Mr. Kelso indicated that the walk through was done along Buck Run, it was a good experience. The width of the flood plain varies throughout. Very limited as to what could be done there. The group was unable to make it up to Green Street; they had to jump the stream several times. They did find a lot of golf balls in the area.

The committee applied for a grant on Friday that would take the study further along the bypass with opportunities, connects with the circuit system to Cherry Lane.

This an ultimate goal for safety to get to Pebble Hill Road, still need to figure out connection from Oak Drive over to Pebble Hill Road versus going through the neighborhood streets.

Nearing the focus of the property issues, right of ways, etc. All great stuff number one focus is the side streets, learning from experience ways to save money to get up Green Street.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail – Update – Alternative information is being gathered. Probably in late January we will be able to meet with people to make it a much more efficient trail.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Mr. Gordon shared that he spent the summer walking areas for the trail. Everything has been resubmitted for safety and getting feedback from the township on modifications for the connections of the trail at Turk Road and Almshouse Road which is being postponed at this time. The lines on the map will go to Almshouse Road in the future crossing the creek.

Eastbound across the driveway, crossing the western end in front of Kohls; they are working with Brickmoor, progress is needed for that Easton Road crossing on the south side and the intersection from the District Justice Office to the Pizzeria Uno side.

Dark Hollow – Kick Off Meeting – They met with the Eisold Property, hoping to get access to the County Property even for short term and maybe turn it into a trail head at some point in time. Estimated grants about \$4 million from the sewer treatment plant. If need be there is a possibility of looking at 1735 Pebble Hill Road and setting up a meeting with the property owners.

Pump Track – In need of soil, suggestion to call Ernie Warner at Doylestown Health and they should stockpile dirt for future maintenance.

Other Business – Mr. Gage indicated that he had sent an email out to everybody regarding connecting maps and doing updates along with the Townships map and website. Hoping to have a blurb in the newsletter for everybody to check out the website and have more visibility and create segments of rides that could be done, similar to a scavenger hunt.

Toll Brothers – Bray, Long Plan Development – Made first presentation to the Planning Commission, the property is located at Lower State Road and Bristol Road. They are helping out with the sewer project so work for trails will be limited. They are proposing a trail along Bristol Road, some discussion eventually to connect that trail with CB South and also to the Parkway.

It would certainly be a challenge but could be doable with grants in the future.

Looking at potential to Neshaminy Greenway, need to focus on where access could be obtained perhaps even putting in a woodchip trail at this point might be helpful especially if this space is dedicated to the Township.

Adjournment - Being no further business everyone wished each other a Happy Holiday and the meeting adjourned at 9:06am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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