

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**March 20, 2018**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman; Tom Kelso; Marilyn Jacobson; Bruce Hochman; Dan Wood; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township Supervisor; Judy Hendrixson; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Paul Gordon, Bucks County Planning Commission; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Guest:** Katie Maio and other residents from the Turk Road Area

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the February 20, 2017 – Ms. Goldman indicated that the meeting of February 29, 2018 was really good especially the discussion with the Turk Road residents. The minutes for that meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Review of Projects**

**Neshaminy Greenway – Update** – Mr. Stanford indicated that it is 99% done, just some cleanup, fencing to put up and landscaping.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the neighbor with the wheelchair is out every day, sometimes two times a day.

There was discussion about perhaps using the Katia McGurk tiles as gifts. This needs to be further reviewed. It was suggested that perhaps Chalfont/New Britain and others who provided easements could be appropriate.

**Lower State Road** – We are still waiting on the weather to clear so that the pavement markings can be installed. The temperature needs to be rising, it is almost done.

**Turk Road / Pebble Hill Road – Update** – Discussion was how to approach the project. The first thing suggested by Mr. Stanford was that he could create a map with photos showing opportunities and constraints in the area. Then an open discussion at the library in the evening sometime in May or June.

Resident from the Turk Road area indicated that he had done some research and found articles that substantiate the values of trails and proximity can be negative not just positive. He provided his information to the committee. He mostly has concerns about his privacy.

Mr. Kelso commented that having separate paths has proven to be very beneficial to communities depending on the neighborhoods and the design. Doylestown Township for over 25 years has focused on providing safe accessible trails. It all goes into how they are designed; most of our trails are geared towards pedestrians more so than cyclists.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – Mr. Gordon indicated that the trail is not going toward the gun club but going out to Turk Road. Starting near the Barn Plaza, down along Almshouse crossing with a midblock, they are going to request a speed study from PennDot along Almshouse also, a portion of the trail starting from Barn Plaza heading to Warwick Township. Scoping meetings will also take place in the near future; Ms. Goldman commented that this is a very good thing.

The next phase they have met with various County officials.

**Rail Trails** – Mr. Gordon indicated that they are moving along, have some issues with SEPTA in the upper end of the county. Still working with the Newtown rail line and hopefully being able to save the rail bridge near the George School. Saucon Valley area is moving along.

Pricing for the trails came in much higher than anticipated.

Also looking to save the Eight Arch Bridge and hoping that the feasibility for the Newtown Rail and Lower Makefield to Yardley, Washington Crossing is part of the 911 Memorial and the D & L Trail will come to fruition. Working with Buckingham Township on the trail plan having a meeting in April.

**Other Business** – Ms. Goldman talked about the Pump Tract starting this spring; they are looking for two benches at \$500. Katia McGurk, they have \$18,000 in house looking to raise \$21,000. Things are moving along, they may be putting in trails in the bridge. There was discussion about a bike rodeo prior to the dedication.

She also indicated that she and Ms. Wyckoff worked on bike education in the schools Monday, Wednesday, Thursday simplified it and put it in the gym classes. Three Stats and Eight Merits of helmets, fixing the bike and hand signals. She said it went really well and they did it at Doyle and Linden. They are hoping to be able to advance it to more schools for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Ms. Hendrixson talked about silhouettes and the tech school. There have been some staff changes, potential to work it into the curriculum for the welding group. They would be able to do that in AutoCAD and we would be able to get them next year, the painting would be done by the art department.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:59am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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