

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018

Present: Tom Kelso; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Larry Gage; Judy Hendrixson; Mary Pat Holewinski, New Britain Borough; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Dick Patterson; Dan Wood; Katie Maio; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Ryan Manion, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Kevin O'Hare, Springs Drive Resident and Lee Sunderland, East Road Resident

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the May 22, 2018 were approved on a motion from Ms. Holewinski seconded by Ms. Jacobson and unanimously approved.

Comments regarding the recent Ribbon Cutting stated the event went well.

Review of Projects

Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update – Everything should be completed by August in terms of design work. The bridge information will have to be revised; the permit to DEP. Hopefully construction will be wrapped up next year. They will pour the concrete in place which is now the requirement by PennDot. Don't have a real number yet but they have to go back to PennDot for pinning the barriers is no longer allowed. There was a suggestion to argue with PennDot as to what other people are doing and find out what prompted the change, but it is an engineering judgement. Mr. Kelso commented that we have been doing the pinning of the barriers for 20 years, it has worked well and we have the data. Changing to this new method seems inappropriate.

Turk Road / Pebble Hill Road - Update – Mr. Stanford handed out a map showing the study area in the box, the map will be included in the mailing.

At the meeting, the agenda will be to give a brief overview and then break into small group with some slide up front. Have a scribe gather data from the tables and have the group together as a whole sharing the information. We will work up a framework after the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail– There was a kick-off meeting held with Katrina from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The environmental clearance may take some time as Bob Eppley is retiring. We have two years, August 2020, to get the design work done and determine if any easements are needed. The road is pretty flat, community meetings will be needed and talk about the crossings as well.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Was tabled since Mr. Gordon was not in attendance.

Other Business –

Mr. Kelso indicated that he attended the recent Traffic Advisory Committee with a proposal from Mr. Stanford for trail crossing, it was received well. He indicated that Mr. Stanford and Mr. Johnson from Pennoni Associates will work together to identify trail intersections and develop a tool box of standards to be used for crossings. Wells Road crossing will be signalized with flashing signals shortly and other locations that have low volume vs. high volume speed on the road vs. other suggestions such as four-way stops to slow down traffic could be addressed.

Mr. Sunderland, resident of East Road, also attended. He indicated that he is an advocate for trails on East Road and Springs Drive.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:46AM. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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