

## **Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2018**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso; Judy Hendrixson; Roger Clark; Mary Pat Holewinski; Bill Wert; Cynthia Jones; Katie Maio; Liz Wyckoff; John Davis; Dick Patterson; Lisa Paglaicetti, Visit Bucks County; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

### **Guests:**

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the July 17, 2018 were unanimously approved with one correction. “18 kids are in the East Road Area”

### **Review of Projects**

**Neshaminy Greenway/Bristol/Upper State Road – Update** – The easements are obtained. PennDot will be bidding the project this fall; it will connect Chalfont from the Manhattan Bagel with trail all the way to the Upper State Road/Bristol Road Area.

**Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility Study – Public Meeting Report** – The consensus of the committee was that the meeting went great, had good attendance and the concept was well received.

Ms. Maio thought it was a good meeting, a lot more kids on East Road than anticipated. Good input from groups. Not homogeneous groups, very participatory and concerned about people getting across Pebble Hill Road.

There was discussion regarding access to Country Club Creek coming out under the bypass. Pebble Hill connecting trail on to bypass was suggested. It was a very good brainstorming session.

Mr. Clark indicated the same as well as to extend from Turk Road through Pebble Woods was discussed and that coming through about 1/3 way down from Turk and crossing Pebble Hill Road at that location was better. There is concern about crossing at the top of the hill and that some sort of signalization needs to be there to cross safely.

Mr. Patterson indicated that he had a couple of negative people in his group. They were critical but had questions about Cherry & Springs and safety of the trail but they do want to get to the Borough, some on East want to get to Fanny Chapman and the Pump Tract. Mr. Patterson thought it was all about connectivity.

Ms. Maio said that people definitely want to run, bike and walk safely.

Mr. Kelso indicated discussions were more pedestrian orientated and less about bicycle access.

Ms. Mason indicated that she connected with Doylestown Country Club and they are very interested in the project.

At this time Mr. Stanford needs to do his “magic” with the information provided and come up with some concepts and meet with the subcommittee in September and work towards having another public meeting, perhaps by the end of the year.

**Shady Retreat Road Safe Route to School Trail**– The Township did receive a \$985,000 grant. Mr. Kelso will present to the Board of Supervisors this evening the contract with Baker International to do the design, engineering and permitting for the project. The consensus of the Committee was that they were excited for Baker to move this project forward. Definitely some discussions will need to take place regarding bridge crossing with Jersey Barriers, revamping the access along Shady Retreat with the existing sidewalk.

**Bucks County Trail – Update** – Mr. Gordon was not in attendance but it is our understanding that the design, engineering and permitting will be done shortly. It will probably be a year or so for contracts to be awarded.

### **New Business –**

Proposed WAWA in Doylestown Borough – Zoning change and Zoning Hearing Board – Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the gas pumps were approved as was a 24/7 operation. She did mention that she spoke with the developer afterward and indicated to him that pedestrian/bicycle access to the area is very important to the Bike/Hike Committee. Perhaps we could encourage the Borough to have the developer attend a Bike/Hike meeting in the future when development plans are submitted. Mr. Davis indicated that he would be happy to do that when the time came.

She did indicate that there are a number of residents in Doylestown Hunt who are opposed to the project based on traffic concerns for the area. Certainly proper access to the site will be important as a gateway to the community.

### **Other Business –**

Lisa Paglaicetti, Visit Bucks County indicated that she was in attendance because Visit Bucks is looking at bringing a Bike Share Program to the County and are looking for locations for partner companies such as Zagster, to work with. They've done similar programs in Princeton.

Mr. Davis said that the train station in the Borough is an excellent location, perhaps Delaware Valley University or Central Park may be other locations. The project would allow people to pick up a bike ride the trails and return the bike. This is a benefit to tourism in the area and certainly one they are continuing to looking at.

Mr. Kelso suggested further way finding signs might be important and Pools Corner might be another bike share lot to be considered.

**Pump Tract** – Ms. Wyckoff indicated that they are working to keep it swept with all the rain we've had, it is holding up really well.

There was discussion regarding long term maintenance of the Pump Tract and either having a "tip jar" on site or some sort of ongoing sponsorship or donation table at events.

**Mid-Block Crossings** - Mr. Kelso said that Mr. Stanford will continue to work with Pennoni Associates, Doylestown Township's Traffic Engineer on a system that could be implemented for mid-block crossings based on traffic volume and intersection type. Further information will come forth later.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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