

Bike/Hike Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

Present: Judy Hendrixson; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Tom Kelso; Cynthia Jones; Bruce Hockman; Marilyn Jacobson; Louise Silberg; Bill Wert; Elizabeth Wyckoff; Mary Pat Holewinski; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Matt Benzie; Katie Maio; Nancy Santacecilia, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Matt Benzi and Katie Maio

Minutes Approval – On motion of Mr. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Jacobson, the committee unanimously approved the minutes from the December 17, 2019.

Review of Projects

Old New Road – Consideration of Sidewalk/trail – Update – Mr. Kelso indicated that he would obtain a set of plans from Mr. Tomko and look at ways of putting the trail connection or put the road on a diet to allow help with Bike/Hike connections.

Neshaminy Greenway – Bristol to Upper State Road – Update – Mr. Stanford indicated that he was in a meeting today with the contractor, and that they looked at the area. Clearing and grubbing will begin shortly. Construction will be underway most likely during the spring and summer months with the work on the bridges going first.

There was some discussion regarding the eventual connection of the Bristol Road Connection and the possibility of a Pine Run Elementary School connection through an existing neighborhood in New Britain Township. The existing path is about two feet wide. However, improving the trail is worth pursuing.

Turk Road Area Trail – Feasibility Study - Update – Presentation was held in December, Mr. Disciullo indicated that they are wrapping up the grant with DCNR, finalizing their final report, showing the alternates in the report as well, with multiple alignments. Once the report is accepted by DCNR, it will allow for a number of funding sources. We will be able to prioritize for future grants.

Subcommittee members are going to attend and upcoming Traffic Advisory Committee to talk about safe crossings along Pebble Hill Road.

Bucks County Trail – Update – Holding off on this at this time. Some drainage and sign work needs to be identified. The County is working on these projects.

Pump Track – Update – The Track is closed for the season. It will open in late spring.

Other Business – Mr. Wert indicated that as the Assistant Manager for the Northampton Township they are presenting a plan for pedestrians and bicycles in and around their community. They have worked with the Bucks County Planning Commission with a big presentation planned for this evening, January 21, 2020. We are hoping for a positive outcome.

Newtown Rail Line – is moving forward in Upper Southampton Township at this time. That is certainly a number one priority for the County.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:03am. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager