

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2021, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building
425 Wells Road

Present: Lynn Goldman, Judy Hendrixson; Louise Silberg, Bruce Hochman; Cynthia Jones, Tom Kelso; Roger Clark; Shelle Clancy; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Rick James, Marilyn Jacobson, Rick James; Aaron Walizer, Ed Ebenbach, and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Via Zoom: Larry Gage

Minutes Approval – Approval of the minutes from **November 16, 2021**, on motion of Ms. Jones seconded by Ms. Silberg the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Mapping Project – Update – Ed Ebenbach and Aaron Walizer – Telecommunications Advisory Board (TAB)

The committee reviewed several trail segment videos done by members of the Bike/Hike Committee and the TAB. It was discussed that there needs to be some additional consistency regarding title and credits and making sure there is a map that gives a reference area as part of the introductions for the videos. Everyone thought they were well done, and the Bike/Hike Committee appreciated the work of the TAB on the committee.

Mr. Kelso indicated the videos are very professionally done; he is very impressed with the quality of all the videos.

Everyone agreed that there were a lot of opportunities to share the videos with the Circuit, a lot of people will use it, also, Visit Bucks and having the common map will be good for marketing and for grants as well. Things like adding accessibility and information on how we've created the trail systems is a three-legged stool with the Township/Borough, grants & developers.

Suggestion on the Neshaminy Greenway Trail by Beulah Cemetery suggested to include Delaware Valley University as they donated land along the Neshaminy with the Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority.

We've worked to correct names and information; this will be available on a link so that members can look at their segments and make any necessary corrections.

Map Project

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that Steve Spindler has quit. Fortunately, we have not paid him anything, although we feel we've wasted a year. He did not understand the full scope of the project and really flattened the images regarding the maps. He did not realize that it needed to constantly change as future segments are added. However, we're going to work with other groups to see about just utilizing the map that we have and improving it with our current GIS base map when updates occur.

Mr. Kelso is going to check with his colleague who teaches GIS at Delaware Valley University to see if there are any students that might be able to intern and assist.

Route 202 (Central Park – Pooles Corner) Trail Feasibility Study

The Feasibility Study is done. We will have to continue work on this in the New Year.

Turk Road Area Feasibility - Implementation of Study Findings

Mr. Clark indicated that there appears to be some additional right of way on Cherry Lane. He spoke with Mr. Tomko about some recorded plans, and we will need to speak with the resident. However, until the Brooks Tract gets underway, we really shouldn't pursue any of the easements with the other residents at this time.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail

Mr. Disciullo indicated that they have met with DVRPC and request additional funding. There is no update at the moment. It is ranked very high; we are waiting for central office in Harrisburg to do their review.

Mr. Hochman asked since this is a Safe Routes to School project about creating that Bike Safety Class, he tried to look for information. He thought the Lehigh Valley has some bike events that does a skill class that were good.

Ms. Goldman indicated that she spoke with Angela Hendershot at the Central Bucks School District and there is a very good possibility that this would be able to be incorporated into Gym classes at local schools. If Mr. Hochman can work with Ms. Wyckoff in the New Year to set that up, that would be very much appreciated.

Old New Road – Update

No updated.

Bucks County Trail – Update –

Mr. Kelso indicated that he spoke with Paul Gordon at Bucks County Planning Commission, they have had some setbacks as the engineer who was working as the consultant on the project is no longer with the engineering firm and they are at a stop point until they're able get things back on board and move that project forward. This segment goes from 611 to the parks on Almshouse Road.

Pump Tract – Update

Is closed for the winter.

The New Britain Road Trail Grant is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors approval and that will tie nicely in as it passes the Heritage Conservancy property.

The Committee should start thinking about what the next opportunities are.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 8:00am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager