

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building
425 Wells Road

Present: Lynn Goldman; Judy Hendrixson; Elizabeth Wyckoff; Cynthia Jones; Tom Kelso; Roger Clark; Chelle Clancy; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Marilyn Jacobson; Rick James; Mary Pat Holewinski; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Via Zoom: Larry Gage

Ms. Goldman wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for attending.

Minutes Approval – Approval of the minutes from **December 21, 2021**, on motion of Ms. Hendrixson seconded by Mr. Kelso the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Video and Mapping Project – Update – Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the videos are in post-production at the moment, they are really well done. We will be using the Townships website to host them and promote them. Ms. Hendrixson has the video links which she will share with those who participated to make sure any edits and corrections can be completed soon.

There was also discussion regarding the map and that Mr. Spindler is no longer working with us on. It was suggested we consider using an App like All Trails instead. It offers a lot of what we want to do.

Mr. Kelso indicated he was going to assist the Township in trying to find and intern who knows GIS to help us create the flat map, that way we can augment it.

Ms. Wyckoff suggested reaching out to the Circuit and using the Trail Links App which they use. Although, Mr. Kelso indicated he doesn't believe they are using that any longer.

Mr. Gage suggested using Google Maps as an alternative for a Bike/Hike Map.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated you have to update the Google Maps.

Electric Bikes (E-Bikes)

Ms. Goldman indicated that the Borough is looking into having them available at the train station.

Ms. Mason indicated that there is a gentleman who reached out to the Township requesting clarification on the signs on our trail that prohibit motorized vehicles. The man is teaching a class in March at Delaware Valley University and was wondering how he should communicate this information with his students as electric bikes could be considered a motorized vehicle.

The discussion regarding the speed of the E-Bikes of up to 20MPH was discussed and the impact on trail users especially those walking on the trail and those with dogs.

Ms. Hendrixson indicated that Trail Etiquette/Safety in general needs to be a priority.

There was some discussion regarding regulating the wattage, having signage, trail etiquette, making sounds as people are approached by an E-Bike because they are so quiet. All of these things should be taken into consideration, it was also suggested inviting and having input from the bike patrols from Doylestown, New Britain, and Central Bucks Regional Police Departments. Having a bike patrol officer attend the meeting and participate in February in a more robust discussion.

In addition to E-Bikes there was a brief discussion on E-Skateboards as well.

New Britain Road Trail Project - Update

Baker Engineering, Doylestown Township, and Mr. Kelso had a kickoff meeting for the \$685,000 grant the Township received. The length of the trail is 2500' long, it will come from the back side of Central Park and connect to the existing trail at the backside of Warden Road, and it will be multi-use at 8' to 10'. Discussion regarding the steep drop off and adjusting the road and the crossing with a bike lane over the bridge, was discussed. In addition, we're hoping that PennDOT does not require anything further for the bridge crossing.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail

Mr. Disciullo indicated that last the meeting with Mr. Natale from DVRPC was promising. He indicated that unofficially the application for the TASA Grant that the Township applied for looks good.

Ms. Jacobson indicated that it is ranked high on the list going to the state, we just need to be patient.

Ms. Hendirxson asked about the one property owner that was concerned about the sidewalk/pavement, at this point it is remaining as pavement in the budget, there is the possibility that it could become a stamped pavement so it would look like sidewalk. Another resident called anxious for the project to be completed.

Bucks County Trail – Update –

Mr. Gordon was not in attendance; however, it was Mr. Kelso's understanding that Ron Jackson, the engineer on the project is no longer participating in the project. Therefore, the County may need to find a new engineer to assist with it.

Pump Tract – Update

Is closed for the winter.

Ms. Wyckoff indicated that in the spring it will be resurfaced. They are looking to use good dirt and soil, with a high clay content. They believe donations will be obtained.

Projects on Hold

Old New Road & Connections

Mr. Kelso indicated that he along with Ms. Mason, Parks Superintendent and Toll Brothers walked the area that the Township will be receiving in Open Space. He's calling it the Neshaminy Greenway West Nature Trail; we will have to do some clearing and little bit of access to it, but it will be all natural.

Toll Brothers did pave their trail section that will connect to it. Also, along Bristol Road there is connections that are already in and can eventually connect with Warrington.

There was also the suggestion that the open space at the corner of Lower State and Bristol that is supposed to go the HOA might be more beneficial being used as a future trail head. It's slated as open space for the HOA but perhaps that could be carved out with an easement or ownership for the Township from Toll at this point in time.

Mr. Kelso is going to sketch something up.

Turk Road Area Trail Feasibility

The Brooks Tract is still waiting for the development and escrow agreements to be provided.

Concerns for the property at 191 East Road, it appears they're encroaching into the road right-of-way.

Ms. Goldman suggested looking at the section on Turk Road from Bomaca to Pebble Woods Road and see if that section of path could somehow be moved forward in planning and installation.

Mr. Disciullo will look at a concept plan and see what will need to be done.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 8:00am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Township Manager