

**Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 19, 2022, 8:00am**  
**Doylestown Township Municipal Building**  
**425 Wells Road**

**Present:** Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman: Tom Kelso; Rick James; Cynthia Jones; Chris Stanford and Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Louise Silberg; Mary Pat Holewinski; Peter LaMontagne, New Britain Borough; Paul Gordon Chris Regosch, Bucks County; Bill Wert; Lauren Hahn, Doylestown Township Intern; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

**Visitor:** Eric Hogan, Doylestown Country Club and Glenn Maxson.

**Minutes Approval** – Approval of the minutes from **June 21, 2022**, were approved.

**Review of Projects**

**Easton Road Trail Connector Concept Plan – Update**

Application for the grant is due at the end of July to DCED. There are no requirements for match however contributions are taken into consideration for the project. Budget is \$1,000,000 plus; it is recommended that 5% to 10% be considered by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kelso will present the presentation and grant application to the Board of Supervisors this evening.

On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Wert the Bike/Hike Committee recommended that the Township match the grant by 10%. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelso will carry that message to the Board of Supervisors.

**Video and Mapping Project – Update**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that he followed up and will meet with Dave Tomko, Director of Operations regarding obtaining shape files for GIS mapping.

Baker International National GIS Coordinator lives in Doylestown Township and is willing to volunteer his time to help create a basic footprint map for the Committee of the trail system.

Mr. Disciullo will obtain the information and will work with the GIS Coordinator.

The videos, that are completed are up on the Township Website YouTube channel. There is one or two segments that still need to be completed and the TAB will be reaching out for assistance.

**New Britain Road Trail Project - Update**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that Pennoni completed some survey work for the project to determine if there any wetlands and where the trail will impact horizontally.

The options for the bridge with PennDOT still need to be discussed, may need to do this with bike lanes, they will need a fence and there is good space available 5 to 6 feet on each side for travel lane on a conservative low stress road.

It was suggested that a meeting with Fran Heaney, from PennDOT be done in the field if possible.

### **Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School Trail – Update**

Mr. Disciullo indicated that there is no update at this time. He met with PennDOT he is waiting on DVRPC. Most likely for finalization in the fall, bidding and projects begin in 2023.

With the grants received we're at about 2.4 million in funding.

### **Bucks County Trail – Update –**

Mr. Gordon stated that the Almshouse Rd Trail to Turk Park should be bid this fall, he indicated that the Dark Hollow Landscape Plans are in process and hoping for public comment and wrapping up design for the Citizen Advisory Committee will be wrapped up as well, shortly.

Mr. Regosch, talked about Phase 2 of the Newtown Rail Trail segment, working with Chris Green at Gilmour to finalize this trail from the Nature Center to the Rail Bed. Two designs are being reviewed at this time. Anticipate fall for bidding.

The County is doing a mapping program of bike & hike trails throughout the County, hoping to have that completed in August. Key routes are being included. The County is using an ESRI GIS Program and hoping to get that complete soon. It will include the key segments of the Township's 30 Miles of Trail. Possibly have some pop-up windows with photos and the like, hoping to identify the Circuit Trail, Neshaminy Greenway, and have the County broken down in areas as well,

It was suggested to have some follow-up and conversation so that the 1,200 segments could be connected with the Baker GIS 430 segment of Central Bucks as well.

There is a Core Creek Trail in Levittown, the trail goes east to Millcreek in Falls Township to a Park and along to the D&L Trail that is also in the works.

### **Pump Track– Update**

No new news. They did some cleanup of the woods around the track, and it is in full swing.

### **Prioritizing list of Future Projects**

Doylestown Country Club, Mr. Hogan was present to talk about the land development that the Country Club is working on. He is eager to move forward.

There was some discussion about sketching out the trail that Baker has been communicating with the Country Club on. There's about 30' along Pebble Hill Road to work within and to the fence line. It is enough room we will have to incorporate netting at some point as well, could be part of a grant.

Long term project with the trail at Doylestown Country Club for children to ride their bikes and users who access that area, could look at buffering and fencing.

Mr. Kelso pointed out that typically the Bike/Hike Committee leaves things better than before.

### **E-Bike Discussion**

It is going to be standalone ordinance.

Mr. Kelso suggested having a meeting with Chief Logan again to go over the draft ordinance and see if there are any issues that need to be addressed.

The intention at this point is to share the proposed ordinance with the Board of Supervisors at the August 16, 2022 meeting and have it move forward as well.

The question will come as the need for enforcement but more so for community knowledge and self-awareness such as sign installation, what those standards are, and each community can follow suit with similar signage.

It was indicated that informing the public, making sure that following rules is important and just again making sure that people are aware of Bike Etiquette throughout the community.

It was also suggested that the Bucks County TMA may be able to provide some information, Ms. Goldman indicated that she has put Ms. Wycoff in touch with them especially on the information.

### **Projects on Hold**

**Old New Road** – this will be a great tie-in with Doylestown Walk and Bristol Road Extension with Warrington at some point in the future.

**Route 202 – Central Park to Pooles Corner** – there was discussion on working with PennDOT and the 202 Parkway fencing, the wooden posts and ribbons that seem to continuously fall down. It was suggested sending a letter to Lou Belmont at PennDOT.

**Turk Road Feasibility Study** – at this point is being incorporated as part of the Doylestown Country Club.

Comment – Mr. Wert indicated he was traveling in New York and went under an East Coast Trail Bridge, 200-yard-long bridge for pedestrian & bikes. He commented on how neat it was.

Mr. LaMontagne indicated riders having license plates on their bicycles would help.

**Adjournment** - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 8:00 am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason  
Township Manager