

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building
425 Wells Road

Present: Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Tom Kelso; Rick James; Marilyn Jacobson; Cynthia Jones; Steve Disciullo, Baker Engineers; Louise Silberg; Mary Pat Holewinski; Paul Gordon Chris Regosch, Bill Wert; Dan Wood, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Visitors:

Minutes Approval – Approval of the minutes on motion of Ms. Holewinski, seconded by Mr. Kelso the minutes from **July 19, 2022**, were unanimously approved.

Review of Projects

Easton Road Trail Connector Concept Plan – Update

Mr. Disciullo indicated that there are really no updates at this time. The Township has submitted the grant for the updated project. Now we await to see if we receive an award.

Video and Mapping Project – Update

Baker Engineers received data from CS Datum. Mr. Gordon also followed up with information Bucks County Planning Commission is working on regarding a County-Wide Trail Map. It's expected near the end of fall for map and conjunction with the new paths. Nothing is usable for the Township at this moment.

Mr. Regosch spoke about it, they are in the process of scrubbing the data, then they will begin to push it out, most likely in the fall.

Mr. Gordon hopes to have a demo sometime in September to the group. Mr. Regosch is doing a great job. Data will help everyone with projects. GIS Data can be provided, work through Bucks County Planning Commission, options available it will provide a like to Bucks County Planning Commission developments and trails making it more regional long term.

New Britain Road Trail Project - Update

Meeting scheduled with PennDOT for August 23, 2022. Pennoni has done some surveying work, addressing the wetlands. The issues with the bridge will need to be addressed.

There was discussion regarding a statewide bill that may be helpful regarding travel lanes and bike lanes and design changes.

Bucks County Trail – Update –

Mr. Gordon spoke about the Dark Hollow Trail. Bucks County Planning Commission needs to finish up with the landscaper and make some adjustments followed by public meetings with the design committee.

The Newtown Rail Trail – they're waiting to hear about an easement. Once that is acquired, they'll be able to move forward on that as well.

Things are moving along with the trail along Almshouse Road as well.

Pump Track– Update

Nothing new to report.

Prioritizing list of Future Projects

Need to continue to work on the list with potential projects for the next five years and suggesting what those next steps will be and when grants become available.

There was some discussion regarding the Bristol Road extension in Chalfont, they expect that to be completed in 2025 by PennDOT. It could be a big grant application for four municipalities to get together on making those connections along Bristol and the Parkway.

PennDOT is expanding and we will have to wait to see what happens.

Mr. Wood indicated that signage on the trail needs to be upgraded, some have worn out and suggested doing replacement signage, especially if EV Bicycle signage could be helpful too.

Mr. Kelso indicated that he met with Chief Logan regarding EV Bicycle Ordinance and certainly would agree that appropriate signage would be helpful. He anticipates bringing more information to the Board of Supervisor in September or October.

There was discussion regarding the PECO Green Region Grant due at the end of September, usually a \$10,000 grant with matching requirements but key signage and wayfinding signage could be incorporated into such a small grant.

Mr. Disciullo was tasked with working on the PECO Green Region Grant with staff. This grant would be used for Bike/Hike Signage, wayfinding as suggested by Mr. Wood.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:52am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 8:00 am at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager