

Doylestown Community Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024, 8:00am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Marilyn Jacobson; Rick James; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Nicole McElroy; Emily Valmore; Caitlin Hernandez, Doylestown Borough; Christian Regosch; Bucks County; Chris Stanford, Baker Engineers; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

Minutes Approval February 20, 2024 – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Gage the minutes were approved unanimously.

Safe Cycling and School Children - Update

Ms. Valmore and Ms. McElroy indicated that they are working on this with Kutz Elementary School. Ms. Goldman suggested working with Linden Elementary in the future. Safe Cycling for Kids will go forward this year, May 13th will be Bike to School Day. They are working with TMA Bucks, as part of the physical education program. Hoping to make a two-part education program for students, perhaps per grade on safe bicycling. The hope of the Committee is that they can expand beyond Kutz, including Linden and Doyle in the near future.

There was discussion about perhaps tying in with Bike Works, making sure that children have helmets etc.

Pebble Hill Trail - Update

The Committee discussed the TASA Technical Assistance Grant, this is 100% funded. There is some need to bring Doylestown Borough into the discussion as the representatives from DVRPC have a concern about any trail just ending near Meadow Lane where there are not sidewalks or trail to continue. However, they were intrigued by our project, they did ask Mr. Stanford, who is their consultant as well, to provide some additional information, we are just waiting to hear if we received the Technical Assistance Grant. DVRPC understood the interictal network of the roadway and how important it is and the idea of bringing PennDOT into the bigger picture. Discussed some possible GoFundMe ideas, like Go Green on Green Street or Give Green to Go Green on Green Street. This type of grant is an excellent way, especially for some of the tougher locations to work with expanding trails throughout the Township and Borough.

New Britain Road Trail Project – Update

The Erosion & Soil Contral Plan for the project has been completed by Mr. Stanford and he's ready to submit them to the Bucks County Conservation District for review. He's also communicating with Mr. Tomko, Director of Operations, about New Britain Road roadwork and the two tying together. Obviously with the round-about work Mr. Kelso pointed out that there is some confusion and Ms. Mason will send an email to the contractor.

Shady Retreat Safe Routes to School – Update

Construction is ongoing, it's going well, they've done good E&S work for the crosswalks that will be going in and bringing the trail up to meet the bridge, working toward that on schedule for fall. There will need to be some trees to be planted and Ms. Goldman indicated that she would assist in helping the Township obtain them.

Pump Track

Ms. Hernandez, Doylestown Borough, indicated that the Borough Parks Department of Public Works, during the first week of April will begin working cleaning up the Pump Track. A Community Event will occur in May.

Bucks County Trail Projects – Updates

Mr. Regosch indicated that the Newtown Rail Trail is moving along; the trail along 611 to Turk Road is moving forward with designs but slowly. LVL Engineering is still reading the PennDOT reviews. That project has been in process for the last six years.

Prioritize List of Future Projects

- A. Proposed Trail at Pine Run – Mr. Kelso indicated that he's obligated to get back to the County with a concept and a letter of intent. He would like the Committee to speak to the new owners of the Pine Run and work on a collaboration. It was suggested that at some point either May or June the Committee go to the Board of Supervisors and talk about the project.
- B. Easton Road Trail – The Township received a \$1.5 million-dollar TASA Grant for this. There is a resolution on the Board of Supervisors agenda for this evening for a DCNR Grant we would be able to stack the grant this will help with additional funding for engineering, design and potentially construction, most likely requests will end up being three to five hundred thousand dollars, this will tie in nicely with other grants bringing the Borough and Township connection. Ms. Goldman indicated she'd like to see the extension with Bomaca, maybe done at the same time.
- C. Silhouettes – Ms. Hendrixson indicated that the Township is moving forward with the silhouettes, we are going to have five silhouettes completed by the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology working with the steel and welding departments and painting, we should have those in the not too distant, this is being done as part of their curriculum. The teacher wants to continue to work with us in the fall as well.
- D. No EBike Signs – there is confusion as to who installed the EBike sign, PennDOT and the Township did not. We are trying to have PennDOT take them down.

Adjournment - Being no further the meeting adjourned at 8:58AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager