Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee Meeting Notes November 18, 2025 8:00 am Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Judy Hendrixson; Emily Valmore; Larry Gage; Roger Clark; Nicole McElroy; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Caitlyn Hernandez, Doylestown Borough; Marilyn Jacobson, Chalfont Borough; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Via Zoom: Chris Stanford, Michael Baker Engineers and Christian Regosch, Bucks County Planning Commission

Welcome

Ms. Goldman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes Approval – October 21, 2025 – On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Gage, the minutes were unanimously approved.

E-Bike DRAFT Ordinance

The Bike/Hike Committee reviewed the proposed draft ordinance which Mr. Kelso had originally prepared and was reviewed by the Township's solicitor's office with the committee at the last meeting. Everyone agreed that having the police involved is going to be great, this is very meaningful for the community. It's something that has been in the works for a while.

There was some discussion regarding Central Bucks West sending out information regularly to parents regarding the various types of E-Bikes and the rules of the road. Mr. Kelso indicated New York City has restricted E-Bikes on the Hudson River Greenway. Also providing a bike school where the Bike/Hike Committee and the Police Department could offer children and young adults guidance on the rules of the road for biking and using an E-Bike under the ordinance would be fantastic. We need to get young people involved, perhaps do a video with the Honor Society, TAB and Police Department.

On motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Mr. Kelso, the Bike/Hike Committee endorsed the Board approving the proposed ordinance. The motion carried.

Doylestown Township Bike Safety & Trail Etiquette Program - Review

The informational session held by Sgt. Courts was informative and provided excellent information to the public, it was recorded and is on social media. There was some discussion on having another video done actually out in the field and having Sgt. Courts participate with explanations, perhaps having kids involved and actually riding bikes and E-Bike and demonstrating etiquette on the trails, perhaps sometime in the spring working with TAB. Everyone was supportive this effort.

Pebble Hill Road Trail - Update

Mr. Stanford indicated that the first section is advancing with the Borough, their TASA Grant was submitted they are waiting on whether or not they will receive a grant this is from the state wide pot of funds, being coordinated by DVRPC. The Township portion of the Country Club will move forward in 2026, it is in the budget, needs to have design and engineering done. There was some discussion about working with Department of Public Works and the Committee through in-house and volunteer work. Everyone on the Committee is supportive and suggested that an early January meeting to develop a game plan be held. Mr. Kelso indicated that perhaps milling could be used and that volunteers could help with

the small bridge, about 50' to 75' in construction. They do need a permit and E&S Plan as was reminded by Mr. Stanford. Everyone is excited about such a project.

New Britain Road Trail Project - Update

AH Cornell is the contractor on this job; they should be wrapping up sometime in December. It was agreed that once completed the dedication would be held in the spring after the weather is warm, they are waiting on some posts and rail for the section of the trail that need fencing. The bridge over the bypass is now a 2027 project that will be done by PennDOT, this trail connection provides access to the backside of Central Park all the way to Warden Road. There was some discussion about Heritage Conservancy's property, and everyone agreed that access via Central Park or the maintenance yard to their property was beneficial for them and safer for the public, parking on New Britain Road should not be permitted unless in emergency situations along the roadway.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

Ms. McElroy indicated that she has not done anything lately. She is still in communication with TMA Bucks, but priorities may have shifted due to funding. It should be easier to revisit and reimagine, she loved the idea the bike school that Mr. Kelso mentioned earlier, perhaps TMA Bucks could assist with that and find a way to centralize it, working with the PE teachers may not be as easy as was initially thought.

Update County Trail Projects

Mr. Regosch indicated that there are no major updates, they are wrapping up Phase I, they are discussing the crosswalk at South 611 and Doylestown Pointe. Hoping to go out to bid in the spring.

Pump Track

Ms. Hernandez indicated that it is fully funded. The Witches Ride helped bring in \$6,000 which gave them the \$35,000 they need to move forward with the paving of the Pump Track. The Borough will take that up later this year beginning in 2026.

Ms. Wyckoff is working on a route around town, so people know how to access trails and easy biking routes.

Prioritize List of Future Projects:

Proposed Trail at Pine Run

Mr. Kelso shared a memorandums of understanding in draft form for the Township to enter into with the County and with the Pine Run. He'd like the Committee to review and share any suggested changes, and he will take this to the Board of Supervisors for authorization to be sent sometime in the new year. They may want the solicitor's office to review it prior to sending it out. The hope would be to get the County and Pine Run Village involved in these projects, it will certainly take a number of years to come to fruition, but the hope is with all three entities are partners grant funds would come easily such a project.

Mr. Kelso indicated that holding public meetings at the Pine Run Village certainly bring folks into the project, it's a long trail, park like setting, a lot of opportunities to pursue funding maybe from William Penn Foundatin as well as state. Kind of regional trail proposed extends for the Peace Valley and also getting New Britain Township involved if we could cross Ferry Road and go through Czestochowa or another direction to Peace Valley Park. Everybody was on board with the concept and will review the draft document and get comments back to Mr. Kelso and Ms. Mason.

Adjournment – Being no further business on motion of Ms. Hendrixson, seconded by Ms. Jones the meeting adjourned at 9:01am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie J. Mason Township Manager