

Doylestown Township Bike/Hike Committee
Meeting Notes
June 16, 2026 at 8:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairman; Tom Kelso, Vice Chairman; Dan Loftus; Rick James; Larry Gage; Charles Crosland; Mary Pat Holewinski; Roger Clark; Cynthia Jones, New Britain Township; Emily Valmore; Christian Regosch, Bucks County Planning Commission; Chris Stanford, Michael Baker Engineers; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Guests: Greg Marsala , Doylestown Country Club; Jordan Meserole, Doylestown Country Club, Jeff Brown, VanCleaf Engineering and Daniel Lyons, Attorney for Doylestown Country Club.

Welcome -

The Committee welcomed new members Dan Loftus & Youth Member Charles Crosland.

Minutes Approval – May 12, 2026 – the spelling of Mr. James name was incorrect, with that correction the minutes were approved.

Doylestown Country Club – Final Minor Subdivision – Plan Review

Mr. Jeff Brown, Engineer, Van Cleaf was here for the Country Club had questions concerning the Baker letter and the actual physical trail. There was a discussion about a possible fee in lieu of putting the trail along their frontage. Approximately 5-acre parcel, for one single family home, there is trail on the other side, they may ask for a waiver, however they would like the Bike/Hike Consultant to determine a fee. There will be a future crossing at the Hammerstein Property when it's developed where the trail from the Farm Office Complex will connect. There is a hill which can be addressed then.

Pebble Hill Trail – Update

Mr. Stanford provided an update, the Township met with the folks at Doylestown Country Club and went out to the site with representatives of the Country Club and Dave Tomko, Director of Operations. As everyone knows, the Borough has \$1.1 million dollar grant where they are going to be bringing a sidewalk and share the road down from approximately the Boy Scout property down to Homestead in the Borough. This is where we'll have a rapid flashing beacon and cross over to the Country Club property. It may have a bit of sidewalk and then turn into the normal 8' – 10' trail along the Country Club property.

There was much discussion regarding fencing, recommending a black chain with a 1x1 inch hole, so golf balls & and anti-climb feature would go along the driving range. When the bridge is installed, it would be level with that, so it won't dip down. It was noted that there is an electric box and there was some suggestions to modify the plan to avoid that electric box. The trail will come below it. Mr. Tomko indicated it may provide an opportunity to clear much of the vegetation that's there.

Mr. Meserole, Doylestown Country Club, had a comment about the trail from Club members. So far nothing has been negative, many see it as positive for connections to neighborhoods off of Pebble Hill Road.

In addition, regarding the fencing, there was some discussion about having some trees donated, perhaps the Green Giant Arborvitae and planted in addition to the fence. There will be some trees that will need to be removed, the Township will have those flagged.

Safe Cycling for School Children – Update

Ms. Goldman indicated that she met with Ms. McElroy and the coordinator for YouTube video. They have taken some funny videos already, her 12 year old grandson is participating in the video. It needs to be viewed by the Committee before anything is made public. Ms. Goldman indicated that they are aware of that.

Update County Trail Projects

Neshaminy Greenway Trail – The timeline for bidding is probably going to be late August / September with awards and hopefully later this fall. Final set of plans will be shared with the Township, prepared by TPD and to be viewed at the next Bike/Hike meeting. There was some discussion on the impact of the Eisold Property on the Neshaminy Greenway which is next to Dark Hollow, question on the parking lot being proposed. Mr. Regosch indicated that Phase 2, which will connect from the sewer treatment plant behind Barn Plaza to Valley Road, the easement is critical, the trail head parking would certainly be nice to have but he understands if the applicant can't build it at this time.

Mr. Kelso agreed it will be a requirement to make sure there is an easement for connection for the future.

Pump Track - Update

Ms. Goldman indicated that the updated Pump Track opened on June 1st, nice ceremony, was Pedal Palooza as well and it is very well done. There are jumps that go through the woods and kids are enjoying doing jumps etc.

Prioritize List of Future Projects:

Proposed Trail at Pine Run

A meeting was held with the Pine Run Community; they are very excited about the possibility of the project as is the County. However, no documents have been signed as of yet, they believe a meeting in the field may be warranted before anything else is done. It may help everyone get a better sense of where a trail would start and stop and best locations could be reviewed.

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Mr. Kelso and Ms. Mason will try to coordinate such a meeting.

Trail Repair

Mr. Tomko gave an update on some of the trail repairs that will be done this year around Ash Way and Iron Hill near Sandy Ridge, widening the existing trail to 8 feet.

Ms. Valmore thought that was a great idea and also hoped that maybe a connection further down so folks on Buttonwood could access the area as well.

Mr. Tomko also indicated that a trail assessment will be done later this year as well.

Mr. Tomko also commented that when there are easements, it is difficult to know who has responsibility, this was discussed for the Farm Office Complex. He indicated that he will have to look into that for response to Mr. Clark's question.

Winter Maintenance

Mr. Tomko indicated that the roads are top priority. With the winter we had this year it was certainly difficult to reach some of the trails before ice formed and it was difficult to clear them.

Mr. Tomko indicated that trail usage is a factor and that should play into which ones are taken care of first. Mr. Kelso suggested we try and get some monitors like DVRPC has.

Adjournment – Being no further the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm on motion of Ms. Holewinski, seconded by Mr. Gage.

Respectfully submitted by:

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