

Bucks County Bicycle Task Force

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2008

I. Call to order

Johnson, David P. called to order the regular meeting of the Bucks County Bicycle Task Force at **7 P.M.** on **August 13, 2008** in the Almshouse Administration Building.

II. Contacts

Bucks County Commissioners

- James F Cawley, Esq.
- Charles H Martin
- Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW

Bucks County Planning Commission

- Lynn Bush, Director
- David M. Sanko, COO
- David P. Johnson dpjohnson@co.bucks.pa.us, Director of Transportation and GIS w: 215-345-3883, f:215-345-3886
- Paul Gordon -?????

Appointed Members

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- Gold, Jonathan – docjg@aol.com, h: 215-369-5172, m: 215-272-4201
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- Termyna, Troy – troy.termyna@gmail.com, 267-981-8599

Guests

- None

III. Roll call

Michael Rubillo conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

1. Peter Boor
2. Troy Termyna
3. Bob Ruddy
4. Michael Petterson
5. David Johnson
6. Andrew Hamilton
7. John Gold
8. Michael Rubillo

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Bob Rubby read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

V. Open issues

- a) The use of Open Space money for the bicycle project.
 - 1.1 Q: Can open space money be used for bicycling projects? A: David Johnson wrote on 7/16/08: "An additional item I also would like to include is what I found out regarding the use of open space funds for bike trails/facilities. From what I learned, it is possible to utilize open space funds for "improvements" if the municipality has limited areas (land) to actually acquire AND they specifically state within their plan submission that they have a hardship acquiring land and they indicate what "improvements" they want to complete. "Improvements" were not defined but could include bike facilities if the municipality clearly indicates such within their plan update. So it appears that it will be up to the individual municipality to decide what improvements can be made only if they cannot purchase land through fee simple acquisition or easement."
- b) What was the task force created for in the eyes of the commissioners?

VI. New business

- a) Mission Statement was created and agreed upon. See attached document "Bicycle Task Force Mission Statement.pdf"
- b) Bylaws were reviewed, updated, and Okayed by the committee. David Johnson will be getting initial feedback from commissioner's office.
- c) Officers for the Bicycle Task Force Committee have been selected and voted in by the committee:
 - **Chairman:** Bob Ruddy
 - **Vice Chairman:** Andrew Hamilton
 - **Secretary:** Michael Rubillo
 - **Treasurer:** John Gold
- d) The topic of how to best approach Chris Kern of the Open Space committee was discussed. We decide our goal should be to make him aware of our committee, our goals, and discuss the use of open Space funding toward some of our upcoming projects.

- e) Peter Boor will bring a copy of the Open Space Plan to our next meeting.
- f) Subcommittees were identified as being:
 - On Road
 - Off Road
 - Education
- g) Members are asked to come prepared to the next meeting to discuss the following topics regarding subcommittees:
 - What members should be on each committee?
 - The definition of each.
 - What the goals of each should be.
- h) Next meeting will be held September 9th at 7 P.M. in the Almshouse Administration Building 4th floor meeting room.

VII. Adjournment

Bob Ruddy adjourned the meeting at **8:30 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by: Michael Rubillo

Minutes approved by: Bob Ruddy