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**MEETING NOTES** 

Project:	Towamencin Connectivity Study	Project No.:	22041.10
Location:	Towamencin Township Office Building 1090 Troxel Rd Lansdale, PA 19446	Meeting Date/ Time:	4.13.2023 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Re:	Public Meeting #3	lssue Date:	5.3.2022

# ATTENDENCE:

### See Attached Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Simone Collins: Peter Simone, Bryce Brucker, Emma Haley

## DELIVERABLES:

- Public Meeting #3 Presentation
- Public Meeting #3 Notes
- Draft Plan Report

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

### **Presentation:**

Emma Haley provided an update of the public input which included information on the survey results, Wikimap results, interviews, and comments on the Draft Plan. She then went on to explain how the 'Toolbox' of Improvements works and how it has been applied to the Draft Plan. Bryce Brucker presented the route concepts – the Township Collector Route, the School Connection Route, and the Park Connection Route – and the improvements applied to each of them. Emma then presented the cost estimate and draft priorities for the Plan.

### **Discussion:**

- An attendee asked if cost will play a role in prioritization?
  - Yes. The Township should first evaluate their budget on the project phase and then leverage that money with grant funding. It might be enticing for the Township to fund small projects themselves; however, it is always better to work with funding agencies first to possibly leverage local funds toward implementing more improvements.
- An attendee stated that a path through gas line easement is not permitted.

- Correct; however, we are suggesting having a trail adjacent to the easement that does not interfere with the Gas Company's easement rules.
- An attendee asked that when you apply for the grants, do you apply to a bunch of agencies at once or do you apply to one and then wait to hear before applying to the next agency?
  - Typically, each grant application is different since each agency usually has a different "focus", so we emphasize different parts of the project in each application applicable to the program. Also, the time frames for submitting the applications vary for each agency so it is not one deadline that we have to meet. Then, where applicable, we look at matching one grant against another to get the township more funding. The key is to leverage local money.
- An attendee pointed out an easement/parcel the Township owns that could provide a good connection for neighboring residents to get to the Kriebel Road Trail.
  - SC will recommend a trail connection in this location and review the parcel data again to see if there are other easements/parcels like this one that might present the same opportunity.

### Next Steps:

- Refine the Plan
- Refine Priorities List
- Complete a cost estimate
- Updated Draft Plan will be posted on the Township's website on April 24<sup>th</sup> for a 30-day Draft Plan Public Review

### Public meeting #4 will be held on 06.22.2023.

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

Sincerely,

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Emma Haley SIMONE COLLINS, INC. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE