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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Upper Macungie Township Trail Connectivity & Walkability Plan	Project No.:	21036.00
Location:	UMT Municipal Building meeting Room & Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	5.22.2022 7:00 – 9:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #1	Issue Date:	6/24/2022

ATTENDEES: (See attached sign-in sheet. Technical malfunction did not allow for recording of virtual attendees.)

Team:

Kal Sostanecz – UMT- Project Liaison for UMT

Peter Simone-(PS) – Principal, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture

Anita Nardone, PE(AN) – Simone Collins Landscape Architecture

Geoff Creary (GC) – Simone Collins Landscape Architecture

(Virtual Attendee) Mark Stabolepszy, PE – Spotts, Steven and McCoy

NOTES:

Presentation

- Peter Simone, Geoff Creary and Anita Nardone of Simone Collins (SC) led the group through a presentation which included the following elements:
 - Introductions of the Simone Collins team including Spotts, Stevens, McCoy as consulting civil/traffic engineers
 - Project Schedule & Scope
 - What is A 'Connectivity' Study?
 - Study Area
 - Data & Inventory
 - 'Trails 101'---an overview of the principles, standards and definitions related to trail design
 - Improvement Toolbox

'Brainstorming'/ Public Input/ Questions

- PS led a discussion of the ‘goals’, ‘concepts’, ‘partners’ and ‘facts’ about the project. In-person attendees and virtual attendees gave input and the themes were recorded using ‘cards’ listed under the four (4) headings
- Topics are listed below with discussion points noted:
- FACTS
 - Upper Macungie is a varied landscape with many different attributes and topographical changes
- CONCEPTS
 - Think Big! (PS urging residents to not let practicality hinder ideas about connections.)
 - Light up crosswalks
 - Slower traffic speeds
 - Beautification is important
 - Lighting---for use of paths at night?
 - Bus routes---connections to transit stops
 - Cost of sidewalks is high. (PS/GC reminding audience that we should remember that construction costs for sidewalks can be high; look to ‘connect’ and infill existing sidewalk network.)
 - Use PPL easements
 - Is there space in underpasses?
 - Use of eminent domain. (PS noted that our recommendations will avoid discussion of eminent domain to the greatest extent possible.)
 - Official Map? (PS: Good tool for use by Township of prioritizing improvements.)
 - Bike Racks
 - Trails in Parks
 - Historical Site Seeing trails
- PARTNERS
 - Air Products
 - ULIne
- GOALS
 - SAFETY!!
 - A useful Connectivity Plan

Map/ ‘What Are Your Popular Routes?’

- In-person attendees discussed project map and gave input to where connections made the most sense.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Next Steps

- **Next Meeting: Committee Meeting 2 (Preliminary Plan Concepts) - Hybrid Virtual/In-Person in Upper Macungie Twp. Building – May 10, 2022 – 6:00pm**
- **Next Public Meeting: Public Meeting #2 (Preliminary Plan Concepts) - Hybrid Virtual/In-Person in Upper Macungie Twp. Building – May 31, 2022 – 7:00pm**

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Sincerely,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
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