

**BOROUGH OF NORTHAMPTON
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

Call To Order: A Special Public Meeting of the Northampton Borough Council was called to order by President Pro-Tem Anthony Pristash at 7:00 PM on Thursday November 18, 2021. The meeting was held in council chambers and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments on Public Hearing:

Review Scope of Work Status and Seek Public Input:

With the grant that we received of \$22,000 for an engineering study regarding our connectivity with the D&L Trail to the Nor-Bath Trail, Chris Stanford of Michael Baker International will be present to review the project. He will receive comments and views from Borough Council and the public at the end of his presentation.

Task 1 – Connection of Heritage Trail to Nor-Bath Trail.

Task 2 – Municipal Complex Connector and Loop Plan.

Task 3 – Wayfinding Sign System.

Task 4 – Cost Estimates 1-3.

Task 5 – Meetings.

Task 6 – Study Report.

Task 7 – Project Management.

Chris Stanford of Michael Baker International, the borough's engineering firm, was present to review the project connecting the D&L Trail to the Nor-Bath Trail, focusing on the objectives listed above. He reviewed the scope of work with a detailed and thorough presentation. The scope of work and maps were available to the public.

Receive Comments and Views from the Public and Borough Council:

Victor Rodite stated that the trail has come a long way and is now a vital part of the borough. He said that Larry Oberly has also been working with the D&L Trail. The week prior, he gave a group of 25+ people a tour and the history of the town.

During discussion, Mr. Stanford asked why it is "right turn only" at 10th and Main Streets. Anthony Lopsonzski, Sr. said the main reason is because there were so many accidents while people were trying to make a left hand turn. It's been that way for several years.

Signage was a major suggestion to guide people to the D&L Trail, especially at the area of 10th and Main Streets where the trail extends through from Canal Street. Mr. Stanford also recommended a flashing strobe light to get the attention of drivers for pedestrians and bicyclists to access the trail safely. An additional lane or “shared” lane for bicyclists was also suggested.

Mr. Stanford also stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) is starting to provide grant money for maintenance of trails.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meaghan Case
Recording Secretary