

**BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07

ESTABLISHING A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Swarthmore recognizes that a pedestrian and bicycle friendly transportation infrastructure contributes to the quality of life in the Borough by providing healthy, environmentally positive, and economical means of transportation for all segments of our community;

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that it would benefit from an evaluation of the current bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and the formulation of potential actions for improving same that could be considered by Council;

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to multi-municipal planning and regional cooperation;

WHEREAS, the Borough has residents with knowledge and interest in bicycle and pedestrian transportation who would be willing to serve on a task force on these issues.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough of Swarthmore that:

1. The Borough of Swarthmore hereby establishes a Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force (the "Task Force").
 - a. The Task Force shall consist of nine members.

b. Borough Council shall appoint the members of the Task Force, which shall include persons representing a cross-section of the community who have knowledge, experience and interest in various aspects of bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

c. Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of Borough Council.

d. The Chair of Borough Council's Public Safety Committee and the Borough Manager shall serve as the Borough's liaisons to the Task Force.

2. The mission of the Task Force shall be to formulate recommendations to Borough Council for measures to improve the quality of life in Swarthmore through the increase in safe walking and bicycling as viable means of transportation and physical activity.

3. The Task Force, in the interest of transparency and efficiency, shall advertise its meetings, hold its meetings in public, and give an opportunity at its meetings for public comment and input.

4. The scope of the work of the Task Force shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. considering public input into concerns and priorities;
- b. surveying the Borough's existing infrastructure and proposed projects, including the physical structures (roadways, sidewalks, etc.), regulatory framework (ordinances and enforcement), and community resources (groups, programs, education);

c. reviewing related work that has been done by other entities including Swarthmore EAC, Delaware County Planning Department, PennDOT, the Swarthmore revitalization task force, and the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan;

d. communicating with other stakeholders, interested parties and organizations, including the police, schools, the College, SEPTA, as well as neighboring communities; and

e. formulating recommendation for Council's consideration.

5. The recommendations of the Task Force may include, but need not be limited to, actions to be considered by Borough Council in the areas of:

a. establishment of educational and community programs;

b. implementation or revision of ordinances, rules, and enforcement policies;

c. improvements to the built infrastructure, bearing in mind the need to be fiscally responsible and the availability of outside funding sources; and

d. creation or dissemination of information resources.

6. The Task Force shall be advisory in nature and shall not have administrative, legislative, or financial authority.

7. Nothing in this Resolution is intended to obligate the Borough or the Borough Council to take any action other than those set forth herein.

8. The Task Force shall exist for a period of one calendar year following its initial meeting. The Task Force may make recommendations to Borough Council from time to time, or may embody all of its recommendations in a final report to Council.

Borough Council may extend the one year term at the request of the Task Force if additional time is needed to complete its work. Unless the term is extended by action of Council, the Task Force shall be automatically dissolved and terminated upon the anniversary of its initial meeting or on any subsequent termination date established by Council without the need for any additional action of Council.

APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2009

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ATTEST:

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