

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
March 14, 2012 – 7:00pm
Minutes (FINAL)**

Present: Chairman Al Zuccarello, Vice Chairman Donald Zemruski, and members Jon Altshul, Elena Coarse, Vincent Lord, Daniel Callahan, John Stipe, Supervisor Marty Shane and Zoning Officer Mark Gordon. Member Bob Madonna was absent.

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Al Zuccarello called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for our military troops.

Minutes of February 8, 2012

There were no changes proposed to the draft minutes. Al Zuccarello announced the minutes would stand approved as submitted.

General Discussion

Marty Shane announced the Township has extended an offer and it has been accepted. Mr. Jon Altshul will be the new Chief Financial Officer for the Township.

Al informed the commission of the resignation of Noel Hedgecock from the CDC; Noel and Megan are moving out of East Goshen.

Marty also discussed a topic he learned of at the most recent Chester County Planning Commission meeting: The SEPTA RT. 92 Bus will be going through some changes shortly. SEPTA has scheduled a public hearing to discuss these changes on April 17, 2012 at 3:00 PM. The public hearing will be held at Main Hall at West Chester University.

Iron Hill Criterium

Al Zuccarello provided an update on his discussions with Mark Yoder of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce with regard to the request to use Enterprise Drive within the Goshen Corporate Park (GCP) to hold the Iron Hill Criterium time trial races. Al has communicated the commissions' concerns with the request to Mr. Yoder. The commission had a general discussion regarding these concerns and Vince made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Board of Supervisor deny the request by the West Chester Chamber of Commerce to use Enterprise Drive on July 7, 2012 to hold the Iron Hill Criterium bicycle race time trials. This recommendation is primarily based on the number of unresolved issues and logistical challenges surrounding vehicle access to the business park during these races and the parking needs for the event.

The motion was seconded by Jon Altshul. The Commission discussed the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Mark Gordon will write a recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors to that effect. The commission is supportive of the idea and may be better prepared to help in upcoming years.

CDC Mission Statement

A general discussion occurred about the need for the commission to formulate a mission statement; this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Official CDC Meeting Date Change

The next meeting for the CDC is April 2, 2012. Beginning in May the CDC will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. The Township will advertise this change in the Daily Local News.

Local Business Advisory Committee

There is a general consensus among the members to begin some formal engagement of the businesses in the GCP, i.e. meet and greet, and to create a Local Business Advisory Committee. The commission envisions this group to be comprised of local business leaders to help advise the CDC on what their local concerns are for their business and employees. The members discussed how best to group these businesses, i.e. Large Companies, Retail, Industrial, Commercial, Professional, etc. The commission agreed that a letter of introduction from the Commission is needed; Vince Lord and John Stipe agreed to work together on a draft of this letter for the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Mark Gordon
Township Zoning Officer