

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE
COMMUNITY VISIONING SESSION MINUTES
June 3, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force held a special Community Visioning Session, which was open to all residents, on Monday June 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township building. Members in attendance were:

Susan Carty, Task Force Chairman, Planning Commission
Dan Daley, Planning Commission
Sandra Snyder, Conservancy Board
Kathryn Yahraes, Historical Commission
Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission
Marty Shane, Township Supervisor
Al Zucarello, Commerce Commission

Consultants present were:

John Theilacker, Project Manager, Brandywine Conservancy
Tony Robalik, Associate Planner, Brandywine Conservancy
Steve Kehs, Triad Associates Inc.

Township Staff:

Mark Gordon, Dir. Of Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Rick Smith, Township Manager

Others:

Senya Isayef, Township Supervisor
Janet Emanuel, Zoning Hearing Board member
Several township residents

Welcome

Susan Carty welcomed everyone and explained the process of the Comprehensive Plan update, how a Chester County grant was helping to supplement the cost of the update, and introduced John Theilacker. John made a power point presentation about East Goshen Township. The questions to answer are:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where are we going?
3. Where do we want to be?
4. How do we get there?

He mentioned that East Goshen, which is 10 sq. miles or 6400 acres, is largely developed and redevelopment should be the focus. Other facts about East Goshen are:

- In the 2010 census, the population was 18,206 or 2.7 people/acre
- The median age is 47.3
- There are 8,655 housing units, \$400,000 is the median value of a home and 41% are single attached homes.
- Township ownership of open space containing streams is rare.
- There are high quality resources in the 2 watersheds that come through the township.
- The Township has parks, preserves, open space, and a wetland walkway.
- The Township is rich in living history. Some historic resources are Class 1 & 2.

- Government resources are the police department, fire department, elementary school and the Township Building.

John introduced Steve Kehs who is a sub-consultant to the Brandywine Conservancy to help with economic issues. He met with the Commerce Commission and looked at existing services, available labor, median household income, which is greater than Chester County, and the lower concentration of retail services. This may mean there is opportunity for more retail services, but East Goshen is close to West Chester and Paoli. There is a very high percentage of residents with higher education and special skills.

John continued the power point presentation and spoke about the future. Population growth is projected to be slow through 2030. Potentially developable land is limited. He reviewed the 2005 Future Land Use map.

He also reviewed the goals of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

He explained that the process for the session will be for everyone to be seated at a table. On each table is a map of East Goshen, colored circles and dots, and colored markers. The focus areas will be:

- Residential & redevelopment
- Parks & recreation
- Transportation
- Environmental
- Commerce & town center
- Rt 3 corridor

When he reads a question, the residents should use the supplies to indicate their answers on the map. Each table will have a moderator.

After the questions were completed, the map from each table was displayed and explained by a member from that table. John will prepare a draft of the results.

John reminded everyone that the Task Force will be meeting the 4th Monday each month for about the next 18 months. The next regular meeting will be Monday June 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm and will be held in the small meeting room. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary