

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 24, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township building.

Members in attendance were:

Susan Carty, Planning Commission & TF Chairman  
Dan Daley, Planning Commission  
Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission  
Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor  
Al Zuccarello, Commerce Commission  
Chris Reardon, Historical Commission  
Sandra Snyder, Conservancy Board

Consultants present were:

John Theilacker, Project Manager, Brandywine Conservancy  
Tony Robalik, Associate Planner, Brandywine Conservancy  
Jeannine Speirs, Chester Co. Planning Commission

Township Staff:

Mark Gordon, Dir. Of Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer  
Marty Shane, Township Supervisor

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>BC – Brandywine Conservancy</i>	<i>OSRER – Open Space, Recreation &amp; Environmental Resources Plan</i>
<i>BOS – Board of Supervisors</i>	<i>PADEP – PA Dept of Environmental Protection</i>
<i>CCWRA – Chester Co Water Resources Authority</i>	<i>SCA – Sustainable Communities Assessment</i>
<i>CP – Comprehensive Plan</i>	<i>SWM – Stormwater Management</i>
<i>CPTF – Comprehensive Plan Task Force</i>	<i>TDR – Transferable Development Rights</i>
<i>CAP – Climate Action Plan</i>	<i>TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load</i>
<i>CC – Commerce Commission</i>	<i>TND – Traditional Neighborhood Development</i>
<i>DBH – Diameter, Breadth &amp; Height of trees</i>	<i>TOD – Transit Oriented Development</i>
<i>EV – Exceptional Value</i>	<i>VPP – Vision Partnership Program</i>
<i>HQ – High Quality</i>	
<i>IBA – Important Bird Area</i>	

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to remember our troops.

**Approval of Minutes**

Sue noted that the minutes of January 27, 2014 were approved as corrected.

**Discussion**

John commented that there was concern about the format of this update from the BOS.

Janet thanked John and Tony for making the revisions that were requested.

She reported that Marty was disappointed that this update didn't follow the format of the 2005 Plan. A summary of what the BOS wants is:

The Overriding Goal for the plan/chapter – objectives and strategies

The end result – an Action List that is:

- Clear
- Concise
- 1 responsible party
- Priority (high, medium, low)

Sue pointed out that the BOS will have the final approval of the updated plan, but the Task Force did want the format to be more user friendly with this new format. However, the Task Force should consider ways to make it more like what the BOS wants.

Sandy commented that this is an easier format for new ABC members to understand the goals they have been assigned.

Marty commented that the RFP for this project was very clear – update the 2005 plan and comply with Landscapes II. The BOS wanted Chapter 10 fixed so everyone knows what their responsibilities are. If this new format is used, it needs to be more concise with bullet points and not so much prose. He read Chapter 3, Land Use, and made the following comments:

- It is 12 pages long with a lot of things to be considered
- 7 of the 12 pages are on the Paoli Pike corridor
- The Tier 1 goal is to complete the trail... and that's all for Tier 1
- 4 pages are devoted to 4 undeveloped properties
- The West Chester Pike corridor must be included.

At the beginning of this process he asked for a joint meeting of the Task Force and BOS, but that never happened. Implementation is the most important part of the plan. He likes the format of Westtown's Chapter 7 that Ann Toole did. He suggested a separate meeting of himself, Janet, Senya, John, Tony, Mark, Rick, Sue and Dan.

Mark explained Ann Toole's format for the Open Space Plan update. The chapter she will provide for the Comp Plan Update will be a summary of everything in the Open Space Plan update. He feels the goal for the Plan is to promote East Goshen as the premiere residential community. Then each chapter will have a goal.

Janet pointed out that the implementation chart can't be done until the goals and objectives for each chapter are defined. She does feel that graphs and charts should be in the Appendices.

Jeannine is concerned about the grant. Since it seems that the BOS and CPTF are not on the same page, she feels John and Tony should not prepare anymore new text. She asked what the status of the plans will be. Will the 2005 be repealed or used as a reference document.

Everyone thought the Updated Plan would replace the 2005 plan.

Sandy and Chris reviewed the 2005 plan with their boards and made recommendations for the new updated plan based on what was in the 2005 plan.

Several times the CPTF was told not to plan for the Paoli and West Chester Pike corridors because, when the update was done, there would be a separate Master Plan for those areas.

Dan feels that the prose is important. It gives background to new ABC members so they know how to implement goals in the future. He feels what has been done is good. First you read the chapter, then use the charts.

Sandy agrees with Dan. The prose is important for new ABC members/residents who are surrounded by seasoned volunteers but aren't familiar with the history of the township.

Marty pointed out that his concern is Chapter 10 in the 2005 plan.

Mark will meet with John and Tony to pull out the goals, objectives and strategies and create something similar to Chapter 2 in the old plan, which lists the summaries of each chapter.

**Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be Monday April 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Janet moved to adjourn the meeting. Al seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary