

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**June 1, 2011**

*The East Goshen Township Planning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2011 at the East Goshen Township building. Members present were: Chairman George Martynick, Dan Daley, Megann Hedgecock, Jim McRee, Susan Carty, Al Zuccarello, and Peter Mylonas. Also present were Township Zoning Officer Mark Gordon, Don McConathy (Supervisor), Erich Meyer, resident, and Rick Horan, Boy Scout.*

**WORKSHOP SESSION – 7:00pm**

- A. The minutes of April 6 and May 5 meetings were reviewed.
- B. The various agenda items were reviewed.
- C. George introduced Rick Horan who is attending the meeting as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

**FORMAL SESSION**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance & Announcements**

George called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and asked Rick to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to remember our armed forces.

George asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

George asked those in attendance if there were any non-agenda items to be discussed. Al commented that there are so many cyclists on the roads and he was wondering if they could be prohibited from riding on some of the more narrow, curved roads. Dan explained that under the PA Vehicle Code, cyclists have the same rights to the roads as motor vehicles.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

Peter moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting as amended. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sue abstained.

Megann moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting as corrected. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Acknowledge Receipt of New Applications - None**

**D. Subdivision/Land Development Plans – None**

**E. Conditional Use and Variances**

- 1. Tru-Team Inc. (Adaptive Reuse of Historic Resource) 1422 Paoli Pike (CU). There were no representatives for the applicant at the meeting.

**F. Ordinance Amendments**

1. Wireless Communications – Mark explained that the solicitor's comments are included and wording regarding use on Township owned property has been added where needed. George said that the Commission has reviewed the changes. Al made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Board of Supervisors review the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance amending the Wireless Communications ordinance and forward it to the CCPC for review and comment. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Sign Ordinance – George feels the current ordinance has what is needed. The Chadds Ford ordinance has specific wording for electronic signs. Mark feels LED, LCD and plasma signs need to be addressed. He will look at the research regarding blinking and flashing to be sure everything is addressed.

Dan mentioned that if you go on Rt. 202 into Delaware, there are more and more electronic signs. He feels that if we want to limit blinking, flashing and interchangeable electronic signs, we need to see how other ordinances handle this.

Jim and Megann don't want to permit any electronic signs. Al pointed out that there are places where signs of any kind are prohibited.

Sue wondered if, where there are residential among industrial in an area, we can protect the connecting areas (residential); example: Paoli Pike switches between residential and industrial/commercial.

Dan noted that the Chadds Ford ordinance limits the display sign, display cycle to not change more than every 5 minutes. Also, it restricts brightness and day/night use. He feels we should limit/prohibit this type of sign in certain areas, i.e. the historic district. Chadds Ford also covers community notices via electronic signs, i.e. if there is an Amber Alert, the sign must be able to show those alerts.

Mark commented that there have been discussions to put an electronic sign in front of the Township building.

George mentioned that the argument from the lighting industry in favor of these new electronic signs is that there is less waste of electric energy.

Peter asked for clarification of what will be defined for next month. He feels we aren't excluding signs, just prohibiting certain types in certain areas. He would like it added that these signs would be prohibited in defined areas. Jim and Megann agree.

Don suggested that someone check with the State to see if they have any prohibitions. He feels it is better to control the signs than to prohibit them.

Sue wondered if the distance between signs could be controlled. Don said the current ordinance limits one sign per property.

Mark reviewed the current ordinance prohibitions regarding blinking, flashing and twinkling, etc.

This topic will be discussed again next month.

**G. Old Business - None**

**H. New Business**

None

**I. Liaison Reports**

1. Willistown – Megann reported that the townhouse project is moving along. The developer is Toll Brothers and the townhouses start in the high \$400,000s. The intersection at Paoli Pk. and Line Rd. must be done before they can start construction.

**J. Any Other Matter –**

None

**H. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue and seconded by Megann. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary*