

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
September 21, 2011

The East Goshen Township Planning Commission held a scheduled workshop meeting on September 21, 2011 at the East Goshen Township building. Members present were: Chairman George Martynick, Jim McRee, Susan Carty, Al Zuccarello, Peter Mylonas, and Dan Daley. Also present were Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer, and Erich Meyer and Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board).

A. Pledge of Allegiance & Announcements

George called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Peter led 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. No response.

George announced that there would not be another workshop in September.

B. Approval of Minutes

Peter moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting as corrected. Jim 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. Acerio Holdings, LLC, 1340 Enterprise Drive (CU). There were no representatives for the applicant present at this meeting. The Commission reviewed the application. There were some safety concerns about overgrowth of trees and lighting in the parking lot. There has been no plan review yet.

F. Ordinance Amendments

1. Sign Ordinance – Flashing signs were discussed. Mark commented that the average amount of time a sign changes is 8 seconds. Flashing signs are currently allowed in C1. Peter wants to prohibit flashing signs in C1 district. He is more concerned about the frequency of the light changing. The size of signs allowed in certain districts was discussed.

Fence Signs in East Goshen Park – Bob Huebner explained that the TAG committee made recommendations for increasing revenue. One of those recommendations was to allow banner signs on the ball field fences in East Goshen Park. Bob provided a proposed policy to allow businesses to advertise on the A & C field fences. The signs would be facing home plate, not Paoli Pike. The size would be up to 4 feet by 8 feet. The township would do the installation which will cost \$35.00. The signs would be up from April 1st, when baseball starts, until the first week of November. The contract would be for 2 years. The fee for the 1st year would be \$300.00 and the 2nd year would be \$175.00. Dan voiced concern about damage to the signs when players climb over the fence to get a ball. Bob replied that the sponsor would have to replace or repair the sign and pay \$35 for installation. The color of the backside of the sign, facing Paoli Pike, was discussed. The Commission prefers green. The approval process would start with the Director of Recreation, then the Township Manager and finally the Township Zoning Officer. The content of the signs was discussed. Mark suggested that Bob contact the Exton Little League, which has done a good job with field signs. Also, check with sign manufacturers about the best fabric to use and have a set of standard colors for the sponsors to select.

2. Miscellaneous Ordinance Amendments – Mark reported that the Chester County Planning Commission's review has been received and all of their comments deal with numbering issues, which have been reviewed

by the Township Solicitor and determined to be correct. Peter moved that the Planning Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve these ordinance amendments, which modify the following sections of the Township Code:

1. Ch 131 Sedimentation and Erosion
2. Ch 205 Subdivision and Land Development
3. Ch 96 Brush Grass and Weeds
4. Ch 240-32.U No Impact Home Based Business
5. Ch 240-31.C Conditional Use Standards pertaining to the Height of Wireless Communication Support Structures.

Sue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old Business - None

H. New Business

None

I. Liaison Reports

1. Conservancy Board – Sue reported that there was discussion between the Conservancy Board and Park and Recreation Board about sketch plans.

J. Any Other Matter –

None

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue and seconded by Dan. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____
Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary