

**AGENDA**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

7:00 PM

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:45 PM TO INTERVIEW FOR THE VACANCY BOARD. FORMAL MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence – Supervisor Carmen Battavio
4. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
5. Public Comment – Hearing of Residents (Optional)
6. Chairman’s Report
7. Public Hearings - None
8. Police/EMS Report – None  
Malvern Fire Co. – None  
Fire Marshal – None
9. Financial Report – None
10. Old Business - None
11. New Business
  - a. Discuss 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – John Theilacker, AICP, Associate Director for Municipal Assistance (Brandywine Trust)
12. Any Other Matter
13. Approval of Minutes
  - a. None
14. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. None
15. Review Action List
  - a. None
16. Correspondence, Reports of Interest
  - a. None
17. Public Comment – Hearing of Residents
18. Adjournment

The Chairperson, in his or her sole discretion, shall have the authority to rearrange the agenda in order to accommodate the needs of other board members, the public or an applicant.

**(sample draft)****A 2035 Vision for East Goshen Township**

In the year 2035 Township residents are continuously reminded of why they live here. Most find their matured residential neighborhoods, or neatly maintained townhomes and condominiums, a comforting alternative to newer, but more distant communities. Many like having fairly immediate access to excellent public schools, sustainable employers, major highways, and regional shopping opportunities. Some also find the short drive to the more urban West Chester Borough a desirable convenience. But we also treasure living in a developed community that still offers abundant walking trails, wonderful parks, diverse natural areas, and historic buildings and homes as preserved evidence of the township's distant past. Considering that East Goshen lies within an increasingly urbanizing region, the very presence of these and other community amenities pays homage to the foresight and commitment of Township officials, staff, volunteers, and others of staying the course on a sustainable township vision developed many years ago.

**Residential living offers variety and lasting value**

Most people's homes lie comfortably within well-kept residential neighborhoods with tree-lined streets and landscape-adorned lawns. Many homes are turning over with new, work-from-home professionals and their families who desire the modest home sizes for energy conservation and half-acre lots for home gardening. Occupying much of the Township's northern half, Hershey's Mill, a well-established residential retirement community that offers a variety of housing types and an 18-hole golf course, is still capturing the tail end of the "baby boomer" generation. In the Township's southern end, more modern townhouses or condominiums are neatly clustered along West Chester Pike, and will soon have access to an elevated rapid transit line located within the median of West Chester Pike. The historic community of Milltown continues to fill-in with new residents looking for a more traditional town feel with a gridded street pattern, sidewalks, and lots with shallow front yards and homes with front porches. Although still in short supply compared with recent demand, townhouses and condominiums within the town center area quickly fill with those interested in living within walking distance of shops, stores, jobs, and community space.

**Partnerships in economic development pay off**

Most shops and stores for meeting our daily needs remain a convenient driving distance from our neighborhoods or places of work, while the number of interesting shops and small eateries at town center are increasing. Development of the town center master plan was truly an invaluable exercise and that, plus the township's major contributions toward the new Paoli Pike streetscape and Chester Creek natural plaza have demonstrated the Township's commitment to realizing this regionally unique destination to the existing merchants and center investors. Freshfields Market's opening in the town center ten years ago and the weekend festivals and other community-oriented activities continually offered there have really created quite a regional draw of new merchants, shoppers, and . A recent

article in Forbes magazine highlighted the successful multi-story building housing a hardware store on the street level, a public library on the second floor, and District court on the third floor.

- (Parks and recreation) Leisure time allows for quick access to a host of both active and passive recreational opportunities, whether trails or bike paths, ball fields or tot lots, or simply a place to sit outdoors and relax.
- (Residential) Most residents still drive each day to reach their jobs spread throughout the Philadelphia region, but an increasing amount have found positions that allow them to telecommute and work from home.
- (Commerce and town center) Township officials pride themselves in the community they have enhanced over the last two decades, by partnering with business leaders from the two corporate parks, town center and satellite shopping center merchants, county and state politicians, they have built a unique town center that successfully mixes shops and restaurants, condominiums and townhouses, a governmental complex, a town plaza, and several different schools in an easily reachable location. Roads leading to the Town Center are lined with lamp posts adorned with pretty lower baskets and banners announcing upcoming town events.
- (Natural resources) Even though highly developed with buildings, and roads, residents and visitors can still follow along Chester and Ridley Creeks as they snake their way through the township, providing close-up views of plants and wildlife native to this region, opportunities to fish in stocked ponds, or catch butterflies in nets, or sit along a shaded stretch of stream and cool off from the warm summer heat.
- (Historic and scenic resources) Residents and visitors also have a good understanding of their community's rich history, not only from observing many of the charming older buildings spread throughout the township and preserved by both owners and volunteers of the Township's historic commission, but through the many living history activities and events scheduled on numerous weekends each year.
- (Transportation)