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To: East Goshen Township Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Study Committee
CC: Mark Gordon, Rick Smith, and Jason Lang
From: Ann M. Toole, CPRP, CPP
Date: July 8, 2015
Re: Thank You and Final Plan Review Meeting

Memorandum

Dear Study Committee Members,

First of all, thank you for your commitment to East Goshen Township by serving on the Study Committee for the **Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update**. Your knowledge of the community, insights into parks and recreation, and practicality in understanding how to move things forward have brought us where we are today. You have a lot to be proud of with this plan, as your work will benefit generations far into the future. I feel honored and grateful to have had the opportunity of working with each of you in this important project.

Mark has provided you with a copy of the final draft plan. It reflects all of the items that you have put forth since we started this project as well as the input we received throughout our public involvement process of interviews, focus groups, online public opinion questionnaire, and the first public meeting.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the draft during their public meeting last night, July 7. Their input indicated support of the draft with minor typographical revisions, one revision in the timeline in the Matrix to include "Ongoing" as a Priority descriptor, and one explanation regarding the youth population trends in the demographic section. They made no changes at all in the recommendations of the plan. Rick, Mark, and Janet will meet to go through the draft, determine the actions recommended to be designated as "Ongoing", and provide me a final mark-up. I must say that Rick, Mark and Janet are excellent editors who provided an invaluable service. I am grateful for their diligence and fresh eyes.

As you wished, the Update is a practical and achievable plan that East Goshen Township is already putting to work. The Township has already secured grant funding. The Paoli Bicycle Path Plan is nearing completion. The Master Plan for East Goshen Township Park is moving forward. Jason has been successfully introducing a wide variety of recreation opportunities of the caliber that this community wants. It's all working. It's all good. You have exciting years ahead as you continue to enhance the quality of life in East Goshen Township through parks, recreation, and open space.

The purpose of our meeting on July 16 is to finalize the draft and mainly give it your blessing to continue moving forward. We've already made numerous revisions in response to input from you and the core committee of supervisors and township management, which will also include the final markup underway now. The Township will be distributing the draft to surrounding municipalities for their review and comment to conform to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The **Plan Update** will be adopted as part of the Township's Comprehensive Plan that is nearing completion.

So I am looking forward to a joyous meeting with you on July 16 in hope that we can endorse the final draft to move ahead in the adoption process. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything ahead of our meeting.

With gratitude,
Ann