

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 23, 2015**

The East Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township building.

Members in attendance were:

Board of Supervisors:

Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor

Marty Shane, Township Supervisor

Consultants:

Tom Comitta, AICP

Task Force Members;

Janet Emanuel, Chairman

John Stipe, Commerce Commission

Rogers Vaughn, Futurist Committee

Luann Petrellis, Futurist Committee

Chris Reardon, Historical Commission

Dana Pizarro, Municipal Authority

Dan Daley, Planning Commission

Adam Knox, Planning Commission

Monica Close, Planning Commission

Joe Zulli, Park & Recreation Commission

Township Staff:

Rick Smith, Township Manager

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

*BOS – Board of Supervisors*

*CCWRA – Chester Co Water Resources Authority*

*CP – Comprehensive Plan*

*CPTF – Comprehensive Plan Task Force*

*CAP – Climate Action Plan*

*CC – Commerce Commission*

*DBH – Diameter, Breadth & Height of trees*

*EV – Exceptional Value*

*HQ – High Quality*

*IBA – Important Bird Area*

*OSRER – Open Space, Recreation &  
Environmental Resources Plan*

*PADEP – PA Dept of Environmental Protection*

*SCA – Sustainable Communities Assessment*

*SWM – Stormwater Management*

*TDR – Transferable Development Rights*

*TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load*

*TND – Traditional Neighborhood Development*

*TOD – Transit Oriented Development*

*VPP – Vision Partnership Program*

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Janet 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.

## Review & Discussion

1. Tom explained that the purpose for this meeting is to review the results of the comments and hearts and circles that the members put on the East Goshen map at the last meeting in January.

The places loved were:

1. Blacksmith Shop
2. East Goshen Township Community Park
3. Firehouse Area
4. Hershey's Mill Golf Club
5. Plank House
6. Tot Lot at the East Goshen Park
7. Various Residences

The places/areas to be improved:

1. Boot Rd. Streetscape Enhancements
2. Firehouse Area
3. Greenhill Road
4. Goshen Village Shopping Center
5. Hershey's Mill Utility Area
6. Intersections along Rt. 352
7. Paoli Pk. Beautification, Paths, Signage, Pedestrian Gathering Places
8. Paoli Pk. Pedestrian/bike Access
9. Pepper Mill Restaurant Access
10. Rt. 352 Streetscape Enhancements
11. Tot Lot at East Goshen Park
12. West Chester Pike

Tom met with the Futurist Committee members and asked Rogers Vaughn to comment on what they have done so far. Rogers mentioned that the BOS wants East Goshen to be a premiere community where young families would want to live. Over the last 40-50 years the area has become less rural and more suburban. The township has to embark on a program that will make East Goshen unique. A gathering place or town center is important. They should make an effort to connect the town center with trails. The entrances/portals to the township need improvement. The township should work with the state to let the township repair pot holes in the streets. John Stipe commented that the pot holes on Greenhill Rd are getting worse.

Other items discussed by the Task Force were sidewalks, farmers market, liquor for restaurants, parking and road access.

Tom asked each member to give one thing they would like the Comp Plan to provide.

Janet – Town Center

John - Better roads

Monica – Hotel

Luann – Town Center

Chris – This is a historic area which should be blended with the town center idea.

Rogers – Town Center

Rick – Make the Com Plan useable so items in the Plan can be easily found.

Marty – Corporate Center

Dana – Walk to Town Center

Mark – Walkable

Adam – Zoning changes to allow liquor licenses for restaurants and hotels

Dan – Town Center, a walkable gathering place for families

Joe – East Goshen Park. He feels it is the jewel of the Township and a gathering place. There needs to be a management plan for the parks focused on the Township goals. The Paoli Pike multi-use path and improvement of the amphitheater are important.

Tom thanked everyone for their input. He reviewed the township plans of 1992 and 2005. A town center will have to evolve over time. He made aerial views of the proposed town center area and added in the walkway, trees, street lights, banners, enhancements at the portals, etc., to give an idea of what could be started. He gave everyone a copy. Discussion continued on the town center.

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary