

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
OCTOBER 27, 2015 – 7:00 pm
APPROVED FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane; Vice-Chairman Senya D. Isayeff; Supervisor Janet Emanuel; Supervisor Chuck Proctor; Township Manager Rick Smith; Township CFO Jon Altshul; and ABC Members Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board) and Rod Vaughn (Futurist Committee)

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

Marty called for a moment of silence to honor the members of the military who keep us safe and have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Recording of Meeting: No one indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Public hearing:

Keith Dickerson, 1212 Culbertson Circle, expressed concern about a map that had been distributed in his neighborhood showing a proposed Sunoco easement that would have an access road to a staging area running directly through the Culbertson Circle retention basin. He asked for guidance from the Township.

Marty explained that land agents representing Sunoco were currently in the process of securing easements along the proposed route. He added that there was likely to be an opportunity to negotiate the exact route with Sunoco to avoid the basin. Mr. Dickerson noted that neither he nor anyone in his development had been approached or officially notified about the easement by Sunoco. Rick noted that he thinks the official address of the Culbertson Circle HOA may still be in James Brandelini's name. Chuck gave Mr. Dickerson guidance on how to request a change of address with the state.

Marty and Rick also suggested that Keith also comment on Sunoco's upcoming soil erosion permit application with the Chester County Conservation District if the neighborhood still has concerns. Mr. Dickerson thanked the Board for its time and consideration of his concerns.

Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) on Route 3

Senya provided an overview of the LERTA program, which allows for development of distressed properties in exchange for a deferment of any school, county and municipal property taxes on any improvements for a period of 3 to 10 years. Because the pre-redevelopment assessments would remain the same, neither the school district, county or municipality would lose money under LERTA. At the end of the LERTA period, the assessment would increase to reflect any improvements that occurred during the period. Senya suggested that some of the commercial

properties along West Chester Pike could be good candidates for LERTA, in order to spur redevelopment.

Senya made a motion for the Township to develop an RFP for a planner to evaluate and make recommendations for a LERTA program along Route 3. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider ABC Goals

Rod Vaughn, Futurist Committee, presented a list of five “focused strategies” for the Township, including transforming the Town Center into a viable area anchored with more restaurants and retail shops; transforming Paoli Pike into an attractive artery; transforming the entry portals in the Town Center; expanding recreational programs; and developing a strategy to repair potholes on state roads.

The Board agreed to all of Rick’s recommendations for ABC goals outlined in his October 21st memo with the following exceptions:

- The Board agreed that 6.1 (Transforming the Town Center into a viable, walkable, visitable place) should be assigned to the Commerce Commission and Futurist Commission. Senya agreed to act as the liaison from the BOS.
- For 9.2 (Developing the Paoli Pike Trail), both Marty and Chuck suggested that the Park and Recreation Commission also consider the potential for “feeder” trails from the various developments to the Paoli Pike trail.
- The Board agreed to reverse the priority for 13.5 (Reviewing Historic Preservation Requirements) and 13.6 (Consider Simplifying Historic Preservation Standards) for the Historical Commission, so that 13.6 is priority #1 and 13.5 is priority #2.

Any Other Matter:

Marty made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute storm water management operation and maintenance agreements for 3 School Lane, 5 School Lane, 957B Cornwallis Drive and 145 Dutton Mill Road. Senya seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Senya highlighted a recent article from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that stressed the importance of cooperation when undertaking economic development. Rod Vaughn suggested that the Township meet from time to time with the school board to discuss areas of mutual concern, such as economic development.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Altshul
Chief Financial Officer