

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PAOLI PIKE CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2017**

The East Goshen Township Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan Meeting took place Thursday May 11, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township building.

Committee members and attendees: Bold Indicates their attendance

**Monica Close – Planning Commission**

**Mary Urbine – Historical Commission**

**Tom Kilburn – Futurist Committee**

Rogers Vaughan – Futurist Committee

**Ed Coyle – Park & Recreation Commission**

**Erich Meyer – Conservancy Board**

**Janet Emanuel – Board of Supervisors**

**Mike Lynch – Board of Supervisors**

**Brad Giresi – PC and FC**

**Mike Broennle – Resident Member**

**Mark Gordon – Staff**

**Natasha Manbeck – McMahan Assoc. Inc.**

Nick Ferenchak – McMahan Associates Inc.

**Tom Comitta – TCA**

**Erin Gross – TCA**

**Rachael Griffiths – Chester County Planning Commission**

**Jim O’Neil, 1622 Bow Tree Dr. - Resident**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Janet Emanuel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to remember our military and first responders.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the April 4, 2017 open house were approved.

**New Business:**

1. Upcoming Meetings - Natasha reviewed the upcoming meetings. They will attend the Planning Commission meeting on June 7 to discuss land use. The next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 27, 2017. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 18. We will discuss priorities and implementation.
  
2. Public Meeting Recap - Natasha gave a recap of the public meeting held on April 4. She felt the comments were positive. After the PPCMP presentation to the Board of Supervisors, the Futurist Committee gave a presentation of their long-range strategic objectives. Janet spoke about the FC’s suggestion to rename East Goshen to Goshenville. She mentioned that there has been a suggestion to name the Town Center (Boot Rd to Rte 352) Goshenville.

3. Traffic Calming – The 2 options for the proposed median at Paoli Pike and Line Road were discussed. PennDOT does not allow trees in the median. They may allow shrubs but the township would have to maintain them.
4. Welcome signs were discussed. A sign in the median would be plowed down in heavy snow. Brad feels the township signs need to be more cohesive. He looked at all of the current signs (about 12) and likes the Goshenville sign the best. Eric suggested a welcome sign like the ones at East Goshen Park. It would have to be back off the road on the left as you enter East Goshen. He feels that people look to the left because it is more open.
5. Flashing Lights - Natasha spoke about the Park and traffic calming. There currently are flashing lights at the two entrances. Erich is concerned that these lights are high and don't draw attention to the people crossing the road. Natasha pointed out that they are scheduled to meet with PennDOT. Rumble strips is a possibility. Natasha commented that there is a proposed flashing light at Meadow Dr. across from the corporate park so residents can get to the trail.
6. Neighborhood connections - As a result of the public meeting, mowed natural paths in Bow Tree and Marydell have been added. Mark feels they should be called greenways and a simple medallion should be used to mark them. Janet pointed out that these trails are in an open space area that people feel is their back yard. Mark feels that since it is not paved it will limit the people who will use it. Marydell is a pipeline easement. Natasha mentioned that this is a very wide area not close to houses. There will not be parking – it is intended only for the residents that live there.
7. New Boot Road Connection – Natasha mentioned the 6 foot wide asphalt path on the eastside of Boot Road that will connect Paoli Pike Trail to New Kent Apartments. A buffer fence will be installed. A flashing beacon is proposed for the intersection of New Kent and Barker Drive. Flashing beacons are only activated when a pedestrian is crossing. Brad pointed out that the Marydell sign has been plowed down in snowstorms. Natasha commented that the beacons are on more substantial posts.
8. Reservoir Road Path – This would be an on-road shared lane bicycle facility on Reservoir Road between Paoli Pike and Baldwin Drive/Cooper Circle.
9. Goshenville – Tom Comitta commented that he was at the presentation of the Municipality Award that West Chester just received. From 1993 to 1996 West Chester was not as attractive as today. The Business Alliance was formed and zoning code changed that made a difference and brought in more business. Need to consider minor, moderate and major changes. What would it look like with buildings closer to the Paoli Pike Trail? Tom spoke about Claymont De where there is a 2-story Dunkin Donuts close to the street – the only one in the US. These happened because of a Master Plan and code changes. The closer the buildings are together the more it slows you down and captures your attention. Brad commented that this is in line with what he was bringing to the Futurist Committee. The current shopping center could become an internal plaza.
10. Streetscape – Erin reviewed proposed street lights, trees and banners. Mark mentioned that in West Whiteland all of the street lights are the same. Tom recommends black for street scape features. Janet commented that years from now, if someone hits one and breaks it will we be able to get the same light. Tom answered it depends on the manufacturer. You need to select something traditional enough so it doesn't go out of style. The traffic lights could also match the street lights. A possible walkway on the northside of Paoli Pike was discussed. Concrete or asphalt were discussed. Mark mentioned that he

contacted the school about a sidewalk and they would love it. Janet feels they need to get the cost to install, maintain and insure on both types. Mary feels the asphalt gives the look of a stone path, which is more historic.

11. Existing Land Use – Tom reviewed the list of properties along Paoli Pike and their potential for enhancement and reuse.

There being no further business, Erich moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary