

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Paoli Pike Master Plan

There was an open house from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the lobby during which residents could view the plans for the Paoli Pike Master Plan and provide comments.

Present: Chairman Marty Shane; Vice Chairman Carmen Battavio; Supervisors Charles (Chuck) Proctor, Janet Emanuel, & Michael Lynch; Township Manager Rick Smith; and Conservancy Board member Erich Meyer.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Peter Simone to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the troops who defend our nation and the loss of life in London.

Recording

Leo Sinclair, 211 North Lochwood Lane, indicated he would be recording the meeting.

Chairman's Report/Announcements

1. Marty announced that on June 27th, the Board will meet at Fugett Middle School for a presentation on "Emergency Response to a Pipeline Incident."
2. Marty announced that the Chester County Planning Commission is soliciting public comment for the new Comprehensive Plan, Landscapes 3.

Consider Resolution Honoring Mike Broennle

Marty announced that the Township had recently received an award from the Transportation Management Association of Chester County for the Paoli Pike Trail. He added that Mike Broennle, who is a Township resident and serves on the Paoli Pike Trail Committee and the Paoli Pike Master Plan Committee, had submitted the application for the award. Marty then read the resolution honoring Mike Broennle. Carmen made a motion to adopt the resolution. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Hershey's Mill Dam Park Plan

Marty introduced Peter Simone, the consultant who had worked with the Hershey's Mill Dam Committee to develop the plan for the improvement at the Hershey's Mill Dam. Peter outlined the process, which included three public information meetings and three online surveys. He noted the Dam Committee had recommended

approval of the Plan with some conditions, which have been incorporated in the plan being presented this evening. The proposed plan includes a series of waterfalls to allow for the transition in the stream elevation, a small pond, a parking area off of Hershey Mill Road, and an ADA-compliant path to the pond and fishing area. He also noted that the Committee had investigated the possibility of using the existing parking area on HOA property as an alternative to the parking area on Hershey Mill Road, but ruled it out due to wetland issues. The proposed plan calls for the installation of mulch or wood pallets in the lower section of the sewer line footpath.

The estimated cost of the project was \$241,666. It is anticipated the Township will apply for grants in 2018. The project may be done in two phases. The project schedule, which is subject to obtaining the required permits from DEP, anticipates bidding the project in 2018 with construction in 2019.

Marty introduced the Hershey's Mill Dam Committee members in attendance: Chairman Wayne Hall, Wendy Bartenstein, Nancy Aller, Ed Tomlinson, and Jim Edmunds.

Marty noted that the Township was taking out a bond issue in July to cover the cost of these improvements, as well as several other projects.

In response to a question from Mike, Peter explained that the flow rate over the waterfalls would not change; however, during a rain event, the water flowing over the falls would be dramatic.

Marty asked how sediment will be handled, and Peter advised the pond may have a forebay, which would facilitate the removal of sediment. In addition, the project would satisfy the Township sediment reduction obligation under the state-mandated MS4 program.

In response to some questions from Wendy, Peter noted that the falls will capture some sediment, they were able to increase the size of the pond by reducing the number of parking spaces, and there would be interpretive signage.

Marty asked the Dam Committee members if they had any comments, and Wayne said the Committee participated to the fullest extent possible and that we have an "end product that is unique to the neighborhood."

Janet made a motion to approve the Hershey's Mill Dam Park Plan dated 6/22/17 as presented. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Proposal for the Design of Reservoir Enhancements – Hershey Mill Dam

Rick explained that since the Board has approved the Hershey's Mill Dam Park Plan, the next step would be for Gannett Fleming to design the improvements and incorporate them into the plans for breaching the dam. We have received a

proposal from Gannett Fleming in the amount of \$189,592 for this work and this includes work done by Peter Simone.

Neil DeRiemer, 1034 Hershey Mill Road, presented the Board with a letter and some information about a new type of articulated concrete block, which he estimated would allow the dam to remain and save the Township money.

Carmen made a motion to accept the proposal from Gannett Fleming. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paoli Pike Master Plan

Marty introduced Natasha Manbeck and Tom Comitta, the consultants who were working with the Paoli Pike Master Plan Committee to develop a plan for Paoli Pike. Natasha reviewed the project schedule; the purpose of tonight's meeting was to solicit public comment on what they have done so far and to update the Board on the project. She noted the Committee had made one change to the Vision Statement and they are now referring to the area of Paoli Pike between Boot Road and Route 352 as "Goshenville".

They are working on connecting neighborhoods to the Paoli Pike Trail. The first connection would be a path along Boot Road from Paoli Pike to the intersection of Barker Drive/New Kent Drive and Boot Road. This would allow residents of Pin Oaks, Marydell, and New Kent Apartments to access the trail. The second would be a path along Reservoir Road from Paoli Pike to the intersection of Reservoir Road and Enterprise Drive. The third was the installation of "Shared Lane" markings on Reservoir Road from Paoli Pike to the intersection of Baldwin Drive/Cooper Circle and Reservoir Road. The Shared Lane markings would make motorists aware that bicycles are using Reservoir Road.

Mike asked about traffic volumes and speeds on Reservoir Road. Natasha advised that was not included in their scope of work. Rick said the Township has the ability to collect that data and will do so.

In response to a question from Chuck, Natasha confirmed the path along Boot Road would be located behind the trees.

Carmen expressed a concern about traffic volumes and speed on Reservoir. Peter Simone commented that Reservoir Road is currently listed as a "Shared Bike Road" in the Chester County Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan.

Greg Gaul, 1553 Ulster Circle, wanted to know about the spacing of the markings. Natasha advised the center of the markings would be four feet from the edge of the road.

David Shuey, 1547 Mill Race Lane, noted that he rides a 20-mile loop and 95% of motorists are courteous to cyclists.

Leo Sinclair opined that Reservoir Road is too narrow for bicycles.

Ed Tomlinson, 1202 Foxglove Lane, noted the “Brits” do very well cycling on narrow roads.

Erin Gross of Tom Comitta Associates reviewed the Streetscape Toolbox that has been developed for this project. The Toolbox includes such things as street trees, street lights, vertical banners, barrier materials (fences & wall), and hardscape paving.

Natasha reviewed the Goshenville Streetscape Plan, noting they were considering a sidewalk along the north side of Paoli Pike, and gathering areas at the triangle and in front of the shopping center. It was anticipated that these improvements would encourage pedestrian circulation and slow vehicles down as they went through Goshenville.

Ed Tomlinson and Leo Sinclair expressed concern about the improvements resulting in increased traffic on Green Hill Road and Strasburg Road respectively. Rick said the Township would collect volume and speed data on those roads.

Greg Gaul expressed a concern about liability, noting that St. Joe’s had to install a bridge over City Line Avenue to accommodate pedestrians. Natasha noted that we do not have the density to generate those pedestrian volumes.

Tom Comitta reviewed the Future Land Use Toolbox, that includes temporary use (pop-up events), outdoor gathering spaces, curb cuts, shared parking, specialty retail shops, outdoor dining, building location, parking location, and vertical mixed use as well and commercial, institutional, and residential uses. He then summarized the three alternatives for Goshenville:

- Minor Changes – 8’-10’ wide trail, upgraded crosswalks, street trees.
- Moderate Changes – the above plus a sidewalk on the north side, street lights, banners, fencing, hedges, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
- Major Changes – the above plus new buildings closer to the trail and gathering places.

Tom then reviewed the existing land uses within the corridor, noting that there were opportunities for development and redevelopment.

Tom and Natasha then asked for comments from the Board on what was presented this evening.

Marty suggested that we concentrate on the trail, signage, and banners. Mike commented that we have a suburban culture, and it will take time to change it.

Carmen commented that once the trail has been installed that entrepreneurs will start up businesses to take advantage of the pedestrians that use the trail.

Public Comment

None

Liaison Reports

None

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Janet motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Carmen seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager