

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PAOLI PIKE CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2017**

The East Goshen Township Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan Open House and Meeting took place Thursday August 17, 2017, at 6:00 pm at the East Goshen Township building.

OPEN HOUSE – 6 p.m.

Mark Gordon started the Open House at 6:00 pm by greeting everyone (approx. 75 people). He explained the proposed greenways through the developments. His contact information will be available for those who want to talk to him after the meeting.

Janet Emanuel explained that there are ideas being reviewed. The greenways are for people to get to the main Paoli Pike Trail.

Natasha Manbeck commented that she will share the concept of greenways and how they fit into the Paoli Pike Trail Master Plan. She gave a history of the trail plans and reviewed the project scope and schedule and the draft map of neighborhood connections. She described the 2 natural greenways – one in Pin Oaks/Marydell developments and the other in Bow Tree/Clocktower developments. They are intended for use by residents.

Public Comments:

1. Paul Canavin, 1652 Eldridge – He lives near the open space on Eldridge and gave an easement a few years ago to the township, which they maintain. He asked where the path is going.

Mark explained that there are several storm sewer easements. Right now there is a striped area on the street where Eldridge meets Rt. 352 to go to the historic area. There are 2 options: 1 – build a bridge in the Eldridge open space across the stream to the historic area or 2 – take the greenway through Clocktower open space and connect it to the bridge on E. Boot Road.

Mr. Canavin is concerned about people parking their cars at the Eldridge open space. He asked that “No Parking” signs be installed.

2. Glenn Kreider, 430 Barker Drive – He has lived in Pin Oaks for 45 years. In the ‘70s as Cooper Circle was developed, it gave access to a greenway behind his home. The only people using it were intent on vandalism. His pool fence was completely torn down. There were drinking parties, spray paint vandalism, and rocks thrown into his pool. At the Marydell pond there is an open area that can access the easement. This should have been planned earlier. People can’t push strollers on a greenway and it is 2 miles to the park. He feels it will destroy the integrity and security of their neighborhood. The concept hasn’t been examined for the downsides, which are more than the advantage for a few.

3. Bob Sava, 647 Marydell - He lives near the start of the trail on Paoli Pike. Nobody uses it today because no one maintains it. He cuts it once a week. He is concerned about people walking along the pipeline too close to his house.

4. Matt Sweeney, 468 Gateswood – He is concerned about access points. Now some people cut through his property to access the pipeline.

5. Ellen Sinclair, 217 N. Lochwood - She has worked with an organization making trails so she knows what is needed. She is concerned about where people will be coming from. They go on her property to use the trail. What will be the cost to make, maintain and monitor this trail? They have made their own path to the pipeline. Neighbors are mowing it now. She spoke about deer hunting, which she was very much against. Back then she asked what the kids should do and Mark said to have them wear orange. She is concerned about people parking. She doesn’t feel people will come from Supplee Valley Park through the Pin Oaks/Marydell pipeline. She wants something to point people to the correct way to walk so they won’t come on her property. When will it be done?

Mark explained the approval process. Janet pointed out that this is a very preliminary discussion so there is no cost estimate yet. Natasha commented that Mark sent out 900 letters to all residents in Clocktower, Bow Tree, Marydell, Pin Oaks and Reservoir Road. This meeting is being held to get feedback from the residents.

6. Ed Damerou, 1420 Cooper Cir – Privacy is his main concern. An access is next to his house. When they first moved in they had problems with kids and vandalism. His neighbor would come out with a camera and take pictures of the license plates. Chuck Proctor mentioned that he is the Township's Police Commissioner and he will mention these concerns at the next meeting. Motorcycles and 4 wheelers are not allowed on the streets or in the open spaces.

7. Jim O'Neill, 1622 Bow Tree Dr – He asked if the greenway is on both sides of the stream. Natasha mentioned that it is on the Clocktower side with some connections to Bow Tree. Mr. O'Neill supports the plan. He walks there and likes to go to the Ashbridge Preserve.

8. Jean Hendrix, 511 Barker Dr. – She asked why this has come up. Janet explained that people over time have asked for it and it came up at the other public meetings they had. Ms. Hendrix has supported the Board of Supervisors and Township for 44 years and hopes that they will heed what has been said here tonight. This will cost a lot of money. Lately she feels the residents are listened to but then ignored. They asked years ago for aeration for the Marydell pond. They still want that.

9. Patrick Forde, 1668 Bow Tree Dr – He lives very close to the open space, which is used by neighbors only. He is appalled that this path will go to West Chester Pike to a bus stop!! They don't want anyone else to have access - only the neighbors.

10. Eric Stretch, 1422 Ardleigh Cir – Speeding is a very serious problem on Reservoir Road. They need to have police at Bramble and Reservoir Road.

Natasha asked for a show of hands to her questions. The result was that the majority opposed the plan. They want the space to be used as it is now. No signs and no advertising.

COMMITTEE MEETING #3 – 7:20 p.m.

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

Jason Lang - Staff

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Janet Emanuel called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. She asked Mike Broennle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked for a moment of silence to remember those killed in recent incidents and our military and first responders.

Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Recent Meetings - Natasha reviewed the recent meetings with PennDOT on June 6, 2017, Planning Commission on June 7, 2017 and Public Meeting on June 22, 2017.

2. Revised Conceptual Plans –

Traffic Calming

Airport Rd and Ellis La - PennDOT suggested a change for traffic calming, make the island at Ellis Lane a pedestrian refuge. Janet mentioned that she had a comment from a resident in favor of this change because his wife was injured in an accident there.

Public Comment:

Tema Tiller, 610 Marydell – From her experience as a teacher, she feels that most of the people crossing there will be school students. The raised center is a concern. She doesn't feel it is needed.

Township Park – The pedestrian crossing will be made a pedestrian refuge.

Line Road – this intersection will have a medial with plantings.

Neighborhood Connections

Boot Road – There is no change to the pedestrian path.

Reservoir Road – Residents are concerned about speeding. Mark mentioned that the Township put an electronic speed sign up but will get more data in a different way. Mike Broennle commented that Reservoir Road was recently paved. Did they extend the width? Mark did not think so because the edge of the road has challenges.

Goshenville Streetscape - Natasha mentioned that a pedestrian path on the north side of Paoli Pike will be paved with asphalt which is easier to install and maintain. The Boot Rd and Paoli Pike Triangle would have a walkway if the Marydell greenway is in the plan. Brad pointed out the crosswalks at Rt. 352. Natasha will highlight the existing crosswalks.

3. Public Meeting Recap - Natasha commented that there overwhelmingly was no support tonight for the greenways plan. Mike B. mentioned that the group was earnest but not for the greenways. He feels the younger people who will be moving into the township may want the greenways. Mark mentioned that he sent notices to the civic associations too. Bow Tree sent it to their residents and got some replies

Public Comment:

Jack Kemery, 639 Achom Way – He is in favor of the plan and made some suggestions for the Bow Tree/Clocktower path. 1. Don't create a crossover at the end of Achom. Instead, bring it around the pond and through the open space along Bow Tree Dr. That's what people have been doing.

2. Extend the Ashbridge connection to go to the preserve. 3. Do the bridge at Eldridge. 4. Remove the connection at the second pond.

Mike B. commented that trespassing in Marydell/Pin Oaks is an issue. Part of the cost of the plan should be landscaping and fencing that the residents would be comfortable with.

Public Comment:

Tema Tiller, 610 Marydell – Kids tend to go in areas where they shouldn't. Maybe the school district could provide the township with the number of new students moving into the area. Original owners are retiring so there will be a change in the population.

4. Land Use Plan – Erin Gross doesn't think much has changed in this part of the plan. They revised the Land Use Toolbox and Map and showed where the uses could be on the map. Tom C. mentioned that he has been involved in 12 ordinances since 1995. With redevelopment there must be strategy plans. He mentioned that the Sheetz in Cranbury Twp. has the gas pumps behind the building. Brad commented that the Goshen Shopping center is a standard strip center. It is not a pedestrian oriented area. He encouraged everyone to be bold. This is a vision for the future. The one housing gap in East Goshen is townhomes. Janet suggested an overlay for the entire area. The options for the Perakis property were discussed. Mark clarified that the C2 district is commercial and the C5 is offices. Janet commented that the purpose of renderings is to encourage developers to come, so the overlay would be used for this.

5. Wayfinding – Erin reviewed the suggested styles of signs and where they would be used. Tom C. commented the overhead lines are too expensive to bury. Janet feels that the signs throughout the township, in the park and historic areas, and the township letterhead should all be consistent.

6. Implementation Plan – Natasha asked all committee members to fill out and return the Rankings and Comments sheet by August 28, 2017.

Public Comment

Paul Diorio, 467 Gateswood Dr. – What he has heard tonight is that the greenways are township property and the residents have no say. 900 letters were sent out, 75 people came to the meeting and he gets the feeling this wasn't enough. Mike B. explained his view of the response and understands the residents are concerned about strangers. He has worked on other trails, which, after construction, added connectors as people asked for them. Natasha explained that the greenways were not a part of the original scope of the Paoli Pike Trail but because it came up at the other public meetings, it was added. It will take a lot of time. Mark commented that this plan is a vision for the future. It is not to replace any business. Brad explained that we are trying to plan for the future. If a business leaves, a better, safer plan is ready for the developer.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Janet moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Kilburn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting #4 will be held on October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary