

Futurist Committee  
Agenda  
Thursday, May 21, 2020  
7:00 PM

**During this tele-conference Futurist Committee meeting, public comment will be handled as follows:**

- Participants are asked to call in by 6:55 pm.
- Participants will be asked to identify themselves when being accepted into the meeting
- The public will be muted during the meeting when the Members are talking.
- The Chairman will ask for public comment on agenda items and participants will be unmuted and given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.
- Participants wishing to comment must state their name and address and must speak one at a time.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge/Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Minutes: February 17, 2020
4. Old Business - none
5. New Business
  - a. Review and update our committee objectives in view of likely impact from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The following were objectives endorsed by the BOS in early March:

    1. Community outreach meetings and resident communications to gather feedback on what residents want to see or not see in East Goshen.
    2. Business Park Strategic Plan- Comp Plan Objective 7.3 and 7.5
    3. Revisit Futurist Committee Vision statement with BOS to ensure alignment.
  - b. Consider potential impact of Covid-19 pandemic on EGT. Possible areas to consider are preparedness, communications and community support.
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment

## East Goshen Township

### Futurist Committee

February 17, 2020

#### Present

- Tom Kilburn (Chair)
- Rod Vaughn (Vice Chair)
- Brandon Groff, member
- Brian Sweet, member
- Marty Shane, BOS Liaison
- Michele Truitt, BOS

Tom Kilburn presented the motion that the January minutes be approved; Rod Vaughn seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Multiple residents joined the meeting to understand the Futurist Committee objectives, understand involvement with TND, and understand the intent of the small group meetings mentioned in prior minutes.

Tom & Rod provided history & background of the Futurist Committee including the research and evaluation that led to the town center concept.

Multiple questions/comments from residents that joined the meeting and discussion including:

- Housing breakdown in East Goshen – ~30% apartments, ~30% semi-attached, ~40% single-family (Michele Truitt)
- Questions about crime, estimated crime growth and policing costs over time, added policing costs if there were additional housing in the township (Leo S)
  - Futurist committee reviewed policing/fire dept early on – well run and no need for additional support from committee
- Concerns about TND leading to additional development in the township increasing congestion and overdevelopment. Concerns with potential building height, setbacks, and aesthetics (Dan Truitt)
- Moved here for great school districts, not a town center (Russ F)
- December meeting has not been rescheduled. Concern about small meetings mentioned in prior Futurist committee meeting minutes.
  - **Small group/neighborhood meetings are intended to allow further conversations and gather feedback from residents, answer questions, and increase involvement in township meetings and committees**
- Belief that majority of residents are opposed to additional residential development in East Goshen (Gordon D)
- Feeling that the Giant complex by Hershey's Mill serves as a town center (George T)

- Feeling that the inclusion of additional residential being allowed is the primary concern with TND (Dan T)
- Suggestions to survey East Goshen residents via NextDoor or via mail (Dan T & Leo S)
- Suggested decorative trees & lighting along Paoli Pike – general agreement in the room on this point (John A)
- Questions about business park evaluation, requested copy of business park plan (Leo S)
  - **Follow-up: Non-residents make up ~26% of EIT revenue for East Goshen (~\$1.25M annually)**

### **March Meeting**

The next Futurist Committee Meeting will be on March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Tom Kilburn asked for meeting adjournment at 8:30 and Ron Vaughn seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Groff, committee member