

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