

**East Goshen Township
Futurist Committee
March 25, 2021
FINAL Minutes**

Members Present:

Tom Kilburn, Chair; Members: Brian Sweet, Brandon Groff, Jeff O'Donnell

Other Present:

Township Supervisor Marty Shane; Jim Christensen, Pipeline Task Force

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Tom called for a moment of silence for the front-line first responders and medical workers fighting COVID and for our soldiers.

Approval of Minutes

Brandon made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021. Brian seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Chairman's Report

Tom updated that after speaking with Planning Commission (PC) Chair, Ernie Harkness, the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) will not be supported as is. The PC is reviewing possible zoning changes for the commercial area of the Township. Marty added that the PC is considering changing the name. Tom continued that some changes may include, combining districts, parking reductions to allow for retail and better access between Marydell and New Kent. Items to be removed may include the overlay, setback distance from the street and removing the residential area.

Feedback from the BOS on draft Township survey

The Committee reviewed the survey suggestions from the BOS. Brandon updated the survey real-time, and the following were addressed:

- **Taxes** – Brandon explained that although the survey does not distinguish between the types of taxes, there is a question addressing how residents view the value received from Township tax dollars.
- **Current Working location/Travel** – The committee agreed to add “hybrid combination or remote and work on-site” as a selection to the question.
- **Developments as addressed in Question 8** – The committee changed:
 - Grand Oak / Bittersweet
 - Marydell / Pin Oaks
- **Listing of Important items to residents in Question 12** – Brandon added allowance for residents to identify the three (3) **least** important items stating that this could assist in de-prioritization.

Marty asked if a disclaimer was included in the survey. Brandon stated that it is on page 1.

There was discussion regarding how many members in one household can participate. Multiple members in one household can take the survey. Brandon will add a line item stating that any questions can be emailed to futurists@eastgoshen.org.

Tom asked that for the BOS to have a better survey experience, can the BOS have the ability to review the survey online. Brandon replied that a sample survey link can be shared allowing for the real look and feel. This link will not record answers. Tom will forward the link to Rick and ask him to share with the BOS.

Specifics on Communication

Jeff stated that he will do the a write up for the survey distribution. He will contact Jason to socialize the survey on all channels.

How to Report results

Several avenues of how to report the results were discussed such as the Township newsletter and website. More discussion on this topic will take place after the survey is distributed.

Update Business Park Task Force

Jeff reported that the BPTF survey was finalized and will be mailed to businesses in I1. He will verify with Mark Gordon when it will be (or has been) sent. He continued that the BPTF members will be assigned different businesses to collect the surveys and information. The BPTF's next step will be analyzing the data received.

Liaison Reports

Jim reported that the TF recommended to the PC that the Pipeline Awareness Study Ordinance include the 1000-foot setback as opposed to the 660 foot setback that is in the ordinance.

Jim complemented the Committee on the survey.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is April 15 @ 7PM.

Meeting Adjournment

Due to there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore