

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 4, 2021

The East Goshen Township Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday August 4, 2021. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions the meeting was held via teleconference using Zoom.

Members present are highlighted:

Chair – Ernest Harkness

Vice Chair – John Stipe

Dan Daley

Edward Decker

Michael Koza

Mark Levy

Michael Pagnanelli

Also present was:

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS – Board of Supervisors

BC – Brandywine Conservancy

CB – Conservancy Board

CCPC – Chester Co Planning Commission

CPTF – Comprehensive Plan Task Force

CVS – Community Visioning Session

SWM – Storm Water Management

ZHB – Zoning Hearing Board

FORMAL MEETING – 7 p.m.

1. Ernest called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember our first responders and military.
2. Ernest asked if anyone would be recording the meeting and if there were any public comments about non-agenda items. There was no response.
3. The tracking log was checked and no need for a workshop meeting.
4. The minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting were approved. The July meeting was cancelled.
5. Mark Gordon explained the procedure for public comments.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

1. LED Sign Ordinance Amendment/Electric Vehicle Charging & Media Station

Mark Gordon mentioned that Volta has not submitted a request to install electric vehicle chargers at the Giant on Boot Road yet. The Township Solicitor reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance. Ernest asked about a standard for these. If another company wants to install in another shopping center will these changes apply to them.

Ed asked if there is any sound like advertisements, etc. Can they dim and turn off at a certain time?

Mark Gordon has not heard any sound from them, and they can dim or turn off at a set time.

Ernest pointed out that these items aren't list in the proposal. Mark will add them.

Mike Koza asked about the agreement between Volta and Giant. Is there a monthly fee? How long is the agreement?

Mark Levy knows they have regulations in other states which are fairly detailed. There are fast chargers and slower chargers. He just came back from Massachusetts and there are chargers everywhere. They appear to be regulated.

Dan asked Mark Levy about being lit all the time. Mark Levy mentioned that they dim and when you take the cord out it will provide some more light. He didn't see any lit signs for advertising. Dan would like some sound criteria too. If a store is open 24/7, how will the lights be controlled? Mark Gordon

mentioned that the Giant has been 24/7 in the past and the parking lot lights are on. Dan feels they should be required to dim at a certain time.

John believes that Wellington residents can see that lot.

Ernest summarized the comments to sound, auto dim and continue to charge. Mark Gordon will ask about the lease and maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ernest mentioned that the Pipeline Awareness Study Ordinance was passed by the BOS. He appreciates all the hard work everyone did on this project. The pipeline is looking at an all hazard plan. Mark Gordon mentioned that a hazard mediation plan is in place.

2. Ernest mentioned that he doesn't feel the TND will move forward at this time.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Mark Gordon commented that all meetings will be held in person as of September 1. The next meeting will be September 1st in person at the Township Building.

2. Ernest asked if the ZHB made a decision on the Strasburg Rd. Fence issue. Mark Gordon reported that it was denied.

LIAISON REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Levy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary