

Futurist Committee Agenda

Thursday, November 18, 2021

7:00 PM

1580 Paoli Pike

West Chester, PA 19380

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge/Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2021
4. Chairman's Report
5. New Business
6. Old Business
 - a. Consider feedback from 11/16 BOS on latest survey proposal and make changes as needed.
 - b. Consider timing and rollout for this survey.
 - c. Consider communication for Winter Newsletter.
7. Liaison Reports
8. Public Comment
9. Correspondence/FYI - none
10. Adjournment

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**East Goshen Township
Futurist Committee
October 21, 2021
draft Minutes**

Members Present:

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

Other Present:

Dave Ware, Staff Liaison; Jim Christenson, 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 Mr. Vaughn's son who passed recently.
(Mr. Vaughn was a co-founder of the Futurist Committee).

Approval of Minutes

Tom had a few changes to the minutes and Dave agreed to update so the Committee could approve along w/ October's minutes at the November meeting.

Chairman Report

Tom relayed that Rogers Vaughn has resigned from the committee due to family issues and the seat opening does not necessarily have to be filled. He will check with David Shuey (Chairman of the Board of Supervisors) about the vacancy and Dave will get feedback from Derek Davis (Township Manager). Tom also said he does not plan to continue his seat on the Sustainability Advisory Committee when his term expires in 2021.

Discussion

Discussion began about the latest draft of the upcoming survey, which will be focused on interest in the central area of Paoli Pike Trail amenities, feeder trails to the Paoli Pike Trail, and open space in general. It looks good and Tom thanked Brandon for his effort and expertise in getting it done. There was some exchange about whether the demographic questions should be included, after which it was decided to leave them in so as to protect the integrity of the survey's representation of all East Goshen Township residents. Brandon had additional email addresses from the prior survey and Dave agreed to work with Susan to get them integrated to the distribution list for the upcoming survey. Tom circulated a tentative letter that would go to the Board of Supervisors via Derek Davis to briefly explain the survey's purpose. The plan is to send the letter with the survey, have the Supervisors take it, and to elicit feedback and suggestions at the November 9th Board of Supervisors meeting. Dave agreed to work with Derek to get the item on the November 9th Meeting Agenda. While it was agreed that holiday distribution of the survey may initially limit responses, regular follow up via email and constant contact (as was done with the previous survey) should help increase the response rate into 2022. No hard termination date was set.

1 **Business Park Task Force Update**

2 Brian provided the Business Park Task Force update. Jeff had presented their findings to the
3 Board of Supervisors at the October 19th meeting. Brian broke down the key findings as
4 either negative or positive.

5 Negative:

- 6 • Businesses mentioned issues with and disruption to the power grid; PECO has been
7 unresponsive
- 8 • Complaints about the traffic on Boot Rd. were common; the lane widening/re-striping
9 is nearly complete
- 10 • The number of geese and their droppings around the corporate park businesses is
11 inconvenient and unclean (Jim C. had some ideas on how to rid the geese problem
12 from personal experience)

13 Positive:

- 14 • EIT in 2021 has been robust and the outlook feared last year has not come to fruition
- 15 • Fond remembrances of informal breakfasts shared with Board members
 - 16 ○ Possibility to start this up again
- 17 • Low-touch relationship with the Board; EGT lets the businesses alone and aims to
18 help when reached out to
- 19 • Mark Gordon (Zoning Director of EGT) was noted as a positive contact point and very
20 helpful/knowledgeable with business interests
- 21 • Proximity to skilled, diverse workforce

22 The Task Force indicated its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to disband since
23 their work is complete. A resolution will be before the Board at an upcoming meeting to
24 finalize their dissolution.

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26 **Pipeline Task Force Update**

27 Jim Christenson provided an update that the primary current focus of the Pipeline Task Force
28 is pushing back against the Chester County Emergency Plan which rates a pipeline disaster
29 the same as any other disaster. Their position is that it's obviously not the same and needs to
30 be planned for differently especially given some of the leaks and issues already.

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32 **Public Comment**

33 None.

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35 **Next Meeting**

36 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021, in person at the East
37 Goshen Township building at 7:00PM.

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39 **Meeting Adjournment**

40 Due to there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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42 Respectfully submitted,

43 *Dave Ware*