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**East Goshen Township
Futurist Committee
September 16, 2021
FINAL Minutes**

Members Present:

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

Other Present:

Dave Ware, Staff Liaison; Mark Gordon, Staff; Michele Truitt, Supervisor

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 first responders and all COVID19 patients and families of those afflicted.

Approval of Minutes

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2021. Brandon seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Report

Tom briefly discussed the Art Walk happening on Saturday, September 18th with artists, live bands, and a recognition for former Board Supervisor Janet Emanuel (also an artist).

Discussion

Tom initiated discussion with the need to prioritize and focus the topics of the next surveys. Previously, a number of ideas were generated. The goal is to get specific and realistic about what would likely have the most traction to garner interest and responses. Out of previous discussions about issues coming out of the first survey - growth/development, trails/open space/feeder trails, and Township governance, the consensus top priority will be trails and open space.

Brian had an idea about including trail markers to indicate where someone is located within the broader overview of the entire trail. He also wondered if more thought was given to having open/gathering spaces included along the trail as miniature destinations...i.e. the triangular piece of land by the Duncan Donuts on Paoli Pike by the Boot Rd intersection. Tom thought this a good idea to keep in mind as rest/gathering stops for groups to 'pull off' the trail and make way for other traffic. There was considerable discussion about neighborhood feeder trails - does the community or individual neighborhood communities have an appetite for 'neighborhood connections' to the larger Paoli Pike Trail? This idea was originally in the PPT Corridor Master Plan. The nature of these feeder trails was discussed also - where would they be placed, what type of material is necessary, which neighborhoods

1 would be interested? Ideas of a connection that facilitates trail traffic safely from Marydell,
2 Bow Tree, and New Kent were mentioned. Tom asked Michele if cost were the obstacle to
3 continue with these PPT items and she related that the Township is currently looking at
4 closing a \$600K shortfall in the preliminary 2022 Budget in the General Fund.

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6 It was proposed for the second survey to focus on the East Goshen Central Business District.
7 Are residents open to development or inclined to open space? Do residents understand
8 current zoning restrictions in the area? What are thoughts about the old M&T and TD Bank
9 spaces? Would there be a consideration or possibility for the Township to purchase lots for
10 open space and would residents welcome a tax increase to do so if possible? Mark Gordon
11 discussed current zoning in the area.

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13 In conclusion and after much debate, it was proposed that the upcoming survey should be
14 focused on interest in the central area of Paoli Pike Trail amenities, feeder trails to the Paoli
15 Pike Trail, and open space in general. No deadline or timetable was set for the upcoming
16 survey. Although the November election was mentioned, it was determined too difficult
17 logistically to finalize the survey, organize distribution, and follow through on such a short
18 schedule.

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20 **Public Comment**

21 None.

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23 **Next Meeting**

24 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, in person at the East Goshen
25 Township building at 7:00PM.

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27 **Meeting Adjournment**

28 Due to there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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30 Respectfully submitted,

31 *Dave Ware*