

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 15, 2021

The East Goshen Township Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday September 15, 2021 which was rescheduled from September 1, 2021 due to bad weather conditions. The meeting was held in the Township Building.

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

Michele Truitt, Township Supervisor

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 military, first responders, medical personnel and those who keep us safe.
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 August 4, 2021 meeting were approved. The July meeting was cancelled.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

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

Mark Gordon reviewed the questions that the commission members asked at the last meeting. He had a good conversation with Sam Applegate, Engineering Dept. and Bryn Paslawski, Legal Dept. at Volta. There is no audio in the Media Station, at this time. It does dim with the ambient light. All EV vehicles have the same plug except Tesla. Michele mentioned that Tesla does have adapters so you can use their chargers. Mark asked to review Volta's maintenance agreement and they may provide that later. Sixty minutes charging will give about 30 drive miles. The wiring for the charger will come underground from the Giant. Mark reviewed the amendment. The dimming time, who will be responsible if they close, and brightness lighting will be reviewed during the permit process. Dan asked about specifying that audio is not permitted. Mark will add it in the amendment.

Dan moved that the Planning Commission recommend and support this amendment to the Sign Ordinance for LED Signs when LED signs are integrated with Electric Vehicle charging stations within approved shopping centers and as amended regarding audio. Mark Levy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mark Gordon mentioned that this will go to the County and then the Board of Supervisors.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

LIAISON REPORT

1. Board of Supervisors – Michele reported that Hershey Mill Dam area had severe flooding and Greenhill Road started to erode. Diane Herrin was contacted and PennDOT was there. The UV light system at the sewer plant has to be replaced. They approved an additional employee for the Public Works Department. Next Tuesday they will hold a Budget Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary