

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
December 1, 2021

The East Goshen Township Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday December 1, 2021 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 November 3, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

1. Small wireless Facilities/§190 - Mark Gordon introduced Kimberly P. Venzie, Esq., who has prepared a summation of the new statutes. Regulations on large WCF towers do not change, however, the regulations surrounding Small Wireless Facilities (SWF) have. Kim commented that East Goshen already has coverage for large wireless facilities (WCF). The SWF permits will become more prevalent in the future with the buildout of 5G networks, thus the Township will be subject to permitting these facilities as outlined in the state statutes. The new SWF Ordinance will be a stand-alone ordinance outside of the zoning ordinance. Mark mentioned that SWF will not be subject to zoning or planning reviews by the Planning Commission or the Board of supervisors. These reviews and approvals must be completed within certain timeframes (60-90 days) and will be handled similar to building permit reviews. The review of SWF applications will be done by the Code Enforcement Department. Fees are set by the Federal government. Kim mentioned that SWF will be installed on poles in the right-of-way. East Goshen Township will have SWF design requirements.

Mike P. asked if they can put a pole in a residential area with no above ground services. Kim explained that we can prohibit them in areas where services are underground. If they want a waiver they have to go to the BOS. After discussion John made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the zoning ordinance amendment addressing small wireless facilities, the

new stand-alone small wireless facility ordinance, and the small wireless facility design guidelines. Dan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mark mentioned that this will be on the BOS agenda for next Tuesday, December 7th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. The Township will hold the annual ABC meeting in January. Ernest will make a list of 2022 goals to discuss at the next meeting.
2. John mentioned the problem with trucks going off the road at Airport Rd. and Wilson Dr. He feels the turnoff needs adjustment.

LIAISON REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary