

**East Goshen Township
Futurist Committee
November 18, 2021
Final Minutes**

Members Present:

Tom Kilburn, Chair; Members: Brian Sweet, Brandon Groff

Other Present:

Dave Ware, Staff Liaison; John DeVol, Resident of Hershey's Mill

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 all first responders.

Approval of Minutes

September and October meeting minutes approved.

Chairman Report

Tom explained that in January there could be possible changes to ABC's as the ABC Annual Planning Session occurs. Also, Tom inquired what our visitor's interest in the Futurist Committee is and John explained that he is the involved with the Hershey's Mill Sports Group and is interested in the Paoli Pike Trail discussions and survey responses that the committee has been involved in.

Old Business

Discussion began with thoughts on the response received at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting at which the latest survey was presented. Some Supervisors felt that certain survey questions were leading or presupposed an opinion. Michele feared that the survey in general raises expectations financially for trail amenities that the Proposed 2022 Budget does include or address. She is not in favor of doing this survey as currently constructed while David was in favor with minor corrections as the first survey was helpful and informative. The committee's opinion was to make adjustments to questions as indicated by the Board, alter the introduction and objective, and then have Ernie Harkness (Chairman of the Planning Commission) review the new version before presenting again to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Tom provided his draft of an updated survey 'Objective' and a revised introduction that included Brian's preamble which everyone thought enhanced it. All of the neighborhood spellings were corrected per Board of Supervisor feedback. Tom went through the survey question by question, taking input, and everyone agreeing on what changes in wording should be made if necessary. Brandon indicated he would update the online survey for a revised edition that could be reviewed by Ernie and then the Board of Supervisors.

New Business

Tom discussed a possible future meeting with Cody Bright, the newest elected Board of Supervisors member, to explain what the Futurist Committee's mission, what it has accomplished, and what it hopes to accomplish in the future.

Public Comment

John DeVol, a resident in the Hershey's Mill Princeton village, expanded on why he was attending the meeting. Namely, he had seen the latest survey topic of the Futurist Committee on a recent Board of Supervisor meeting agenda and wanted to know more. He had attended that meeting, but since the members were unable to attend it was pushed to another day and he missed it. He enjoys biking with members of the Hershey's Mill Bike Club and shared that group's interest in possible feeder or connector trails in the future that could link Hershey's Mill to the Paoli Pike Trail safely as the traffic in neighboring areas, especially 352/North Chester Rd are very dangerous. He shared a map he brought and inquired about Cornwallis or another avenue that might connect. The committee appreciated his interest and indicated that drawing additional support to public Board of Supervisor meetings could elevate the Board's support for connector/feeder trails, lighting, amenities, etc... Tom and Dave shared their contact information with him.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021, at the East Goshen Township building at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjournment

Due to there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Ware