East Goshen Township Futurist Committee January 20, 2022 Final Minutes

Members Present:

Tom Kilburn, Chair; Members: Brandon Groff

Other Present:

Cody Bright, BOS Liaison; Jeff Smith, Resident of Hershey's Mill

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Moment of Silence:

Tom called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for all first responders

Approval of Minutes:

November minutes were approved

Old Business;

Tom solicited Cody's feedback on the latest resident survey since this was Cody's first opportunity to comment as a Supervisor. Cody suggested we add Milltown as one of the neighborhoods listed in the survey. He also clarified a confusing answer option on question 7. Finally, he suggested we add a qualifier to the question on connector trails to exclude taking by eminent domain to insure the answers aren't biased by concern for that issue. Cody strongly supported the survey to get much needed resident feedback. The committee agreed with Cody's suggestions. Brandon will make amendments to the survey and Tom will schedule with Derek a BOS review as soon as available. The group reviewed the proposed 2021 Accomplishments and Goals for 2022. Tom shared some ideas on other mechanisms for resident feedback. Cody suggested including the idea of setting up neighborhood focus groups. it was agreed to include that for the BOS planning session.

Public Comment:

Jeff Smith from Hershey's Mill Bicycle Club presented an idea on how Hershey'Mill could connect their over 5 mile trail into the East Goshen network. They could possibly connect via a new trail from the 352 HM entrance along 352 to cross at Alcott Circle. Alcott Circle has a path that connects to Taylor Ave. that connects via residential streets to the EG Trail network. Tom suggested that Jeff get the necessary HM approvals for rights of ways or more preferably funding to complete the connection and make a proposal to the BOS. The Township would likely have to appove a crossing there. The Committee supports the idea.

The next meeting was agreed for 2/16/22. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Prepared by Tom Kilburn