

Futurist Committee Agenda

Thursday, July 21, 2022

7:00 PM

1580 Paoli Pike

West Chester, PA 19380

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge/Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2022
4. Chairman's Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - Consider feedback from presentation to BOS on 7/19/22 and develop plan to address.
7. Liaison Reports
8. Public Comment
9. Correspondence/FYI
10. Adjournment

East Goshen Township
Futurist Committee
June 30, 2022
Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Tom Kilburn, Jeff O'Donnell

Others Present:

Cody Bright, BOS Liaison, Dave Ware, Staff Liaison

Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of silence

April minutes were approved

Business:

Tom presented the attached Futurist Residence Survey Spring 2022-Key Conclusions Including Write-ins for discussion. The group decided to change the street light follow up to include recommendation on using solar. The Committee agreed to present these conclusions to the BOS at the July 19, 2022 meeting and Tom agreed to follow up with Derek to place on the agenda.

The committee agreed to recommend to the BOS to focus on neighborhood feeder trails to the Paoli Pike Trail in the future rather than finish the Trail to Ward avenue through the Business Park. This was based on strong support for the feeder trails in the survey and the committee's feeling that finishing the Trail through the Business Park provides limited value to Township residents at this time.

The committee recommended 1 year terms for Futurist Committee members that would be renewed annually at BOS discretion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Futurist Resident Survey Spring 2022-Key Conclusions Including Write-ins

Central Business Area Amenities

Majority support for trees (64%) and lighting (59%)

Central Business Area Amenity Write-ins

Focus of write-ins was on keeping area look natural and historic- landscaping etc

Trail connectors to area received 10 out of 50 mentions

Restaurants and small businesses were also mentioned

Possible one off mentioned was a water fountain

Follow-up Actions-

Suggest the following:

Conservancy Committee to recommend tree type and cost for area. There were 16 trees in the Paoli Pike Master Plan

Staff to check Township records for estimate of 8 street lights for Township owned area in March 2019. (Consider switch to solar lights)

Open Space

46 % support and are willing to pay for increasing open space

Open Space Write-ins

Over 50 comments favor adding open space as it becomes available.

Many think open space is a unique advantage of East Goshen when retaining and attracting new residents.

Many favor adding open space but not sure where it might be available in the future.

Several areas were mentioned as possibilities.

Follow-up Actions

Suggest the following:

Conservancy, SAC and staff identify current open space and future potential opportunities for adding. (Do we have an open space map-do we need one.

Possibly work with local conservancy groups to lay out options for the future

Connector Trails

72% supported and 47% willing to pay

General Write-ins

Over 230 people took the time add comments here

40 comments favor connecting trails

33 like the Township as is (generally referring to future building)

18 like the trail

16 like more open space and trees

11 want to complete Milltown park

11 don't like the trail

10 want to keep taxes low

10 made general positive comments on Township activities

9 like surveys

9 like restaurants and shops in Central Business Area

21 just didn't like anything

A few one offs were focused on additional parks or park amenities

Other areas mentioned were noise, traffic, potholes, P/L risk, Bow Tree Pond

Several potential connectors were also included

Follow-ups on Connector Trails

Suggest the following:

Create a task force to lay out a long range Township connector plan prioritizing by cost, number of residents benefited, ease of implementing. Charge group with thinking out of the box.

Address any misinformation in the survey comments in future newsletters as was done in most recent edition.