

East Goshen Township
Futurist Committee
May 18,2023

Members Present

Jeff O'Donnell, Chair, Tom Kilburn
Cody Bright, BOS Liaison, Dave Ware Staff Liaison

Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence for first responders

April Minutes were approved

Business:

Jeff reviewed the results of the Bow Tree Survey. There were 132 responses to the survey with overwhelming support(93% for) of safely connecting Bow Tree residents to the Parks and Trail. The two options surveyed were for a protected shoulder along 352 between Bow Tree Drive and the trail by the Blacksmith Shop and a wooden bridge connection off Eldridge Drive though a wide swath of Township owned Open Space to the existing Boardwalk at the Blacksmith Shop. Many residents would like to see both options pursued. Bow Tree has 497 households per previous document, updated 2021, from Rick Smith.

Dave Ware presented details of "PA Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Guidelines" which could provide up to \$250,000 from this program.

Dave agreed to schedule time to review the survey and recommendations for actions to the BOS at their June 20, 2023.

In addition to the Bow Tree survey and recommended actions the committee will review the overall long term strategy and focus on safety for providing low cost access neighborhood access to the parks and the Paoli Pike Trail.

As a follow up to our last meeting, Dave Ware presented historical data in graphical form on EIT Township revenue. The question was raised about whether more people working from home would reduce EGT future revenue. We concluded that there would likely be little impact from people working from home versus historical arrangements. We discussed the potential of changing demographics on future EIT, aging population. It's complicated.

We also discussed what options were available to assist the marketing of existing vacant properties in the commercial area. Cody agreed to make some inquiries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Submitted by Tom Kilburn