

**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014**

A meeting of the East Norriton Township Planning Commission was held at the East Norriton Township Building, 2501 Stanbridge Street in East Norriton, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Chairman Robert Schottmiller called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Attending were Planning Commission members Keith Tornetta, Robert Schottmiller, Kandy Heckman, John Kolb, Judy Belkowski, Kevin McDevitt, Jeff Moller and George Kennedy. Zoning Officer, Bryan Bortnichak was also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting:

Chairman Schottmiller called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission's August 20, 2014 meeting. Ms. Heckman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Tornetta seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

2. Presentation by Brian O'Leary of the Montgomery County Planning Commission:

Present: Brian O'Leary

Brian O'Leary reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and presented the proposed 2040 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan highlighting several points that include transportation, stormwater management, conservation of open space and natural resources, economic growth and redevelopment, demographic changes, marketing and tourism, transit oriented development and land use. Mr. O'Leary noted that public-private partnerships and partnerships between municipalities and the county would be needed to implement many of the stated goals and objectives in the comprehensive plan.

Chairman Schottmiller prompted a conversation about a connection between the farm park and Einstein hospital on Germantown Pike. Mr. O'Leary indicated that administrative work is progressing to construct a paved connecting trail.

Diana Cassel asked if the county intends to rewrite the Farm Park Master Plan. Mr. O'Leary indicated that the County is planning to update the Master Plan and noted that the form of ownership of the land discourages the reuse of the properties on the site.

Stanley Robinson asked about the effects of extending Stanbridge Street. Mr. O'Leary explained that there would be some effects on the Farm Park as a result of the extension of the road. Mr. Charles Wood noted that three bridges would have to be constructed to extend Stanbridge Street. Mr. O'Leary acknowledged Mr. Wood's comment.

Mr. Moller raised a point about the difference between accommodating traffic and encouraging traffic. Mr. O'Leary pointed to Routes 422 and 467 as examples of roads that were constructed and effectively took traffic off of local streets to alleviate local congestion.

Diana Cassel inquired about the proposal to have Greener Partners plant crops on a portion of the Farm Park. Mr. O'Leary noted that the Farm Park could not come to an agreement with Greener Partners.

3. **Other Business:**

Planning Commission members reviewed the Land Development and Construction update that was provided by Mr. Bortnichak.

Ms. Heckman inquired about Harold Smith's lack of attendance at Planning Commission meetings since his appointment in 2014. Mr. Bortnichak noted that Mr. Smith has now missed six consecutive meetings. Ms. Heckman made a motion to authorize Chairman Schottmiller to write to the Board of Supervisors asking them to investigate Mr. Smith's willingness to continue to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Tornetta seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Delamater discussed the Planning Commission's letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting the installation of sidewalks along various roads in the Township. He noted that the Board of Supervisors supports the ideas proposed in the Planning Commission's letter. He noted that obtaining grant funding for the planning and construction phases of such an endeavour would be a lengthy process and asked for assurance from the Planning Commission that this is where they feel efforts should be concentrated – as opposed to other projects such as stormwater management, open space acquisition, street light installation, traffic calming, etc. He reviewed a proposal from T&M Associates for \$25,000 just to perform a feasibility study and to have a plan done before any construction actually begins. Mr. Delamater suggested that a more comprehensive approach including pedestrian access, trails, safety and traffic calming might be more attractive as far as obtaining grant funding for both planning and construction. Mr. Delamater suggested that a subcommittee of the Planning Commission be setup to meet with representatives from T&M Associates who could submit grant applications on the Township's behalf.

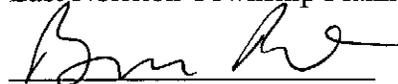
4. **Adjournment:**

Mr. Tornetta made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Ms. Heckman and passed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Robert Schottmiller
East Norriton Township Planning Commission



Bryan Bortnichak
Zoning Officer