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2015 Comp Plan Update Session 11 Minutes May 17, 2016

The Comp Plan Committee held their eleventh session on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in the Caln Township Municipal Building, immediately following the monthly Planning Commission meeting. It was noted the April session was cancelled.

In attendance for the Planning Commission were Dave Lamb, Eugene Spratt, Jim Benko, Jill Hammond, Ken Simon and John Robinson, Jr. Ex-Officio Member.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, Township Engineer and Cheryl A. Lafferty, Planning Commission Secretary.

Other committee members in attendance were Commissioners' Jennifer Breton and John Contento and residents Noel Bernard, Anthony Verwey and Marc Fox. Also in attendance were Martin Gilchrist and Drew Sonntag of URDC along with Sean O'Neill of the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC).

Discussion occurred, with some of the items to note:

- A Power Point Presentation reviewing the importance of a Comprehensive Plan and the overall direction of the plan occurred;
- The Vision Statement was reviewed, with comments being:
 - it's too detailed and lengthy;
 - needs to be simple enough to understand but be broad enough to reflect intentions;
 - Possibly simplify Vision Statement, with more detail being listed in the Mission Statement.
- The Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) was discussed, as to how it relates to the Comprehensive Plan;
- Major Goals & Objectives was highlighted:
 - including Land Use & Housing, Natural Resources, Community Facilities & Services, Historic Preservation, Transportation;
 - newly created Stormwater Committee discussed, questioning where it should be included as well as implementation;
 - a Capital Improvements Plan discussed;
 - discussion on Floodplain development;

- strategy for Historic Preservation discussed;
- it was noted that Carver Court needs to be added to the listing of historic sites, recently being added to the National Historical Registry;
- statistics and census data discussed, questioning how information could be periodically updated to be reflected in the Comp Plan. It was noted that lack of staffing is an issue, and any addendums to the Comp Plan would need to be forwarded to the County and all adjoining municipalities for review;
- LERTA discussed, which is a major asset to draw redevelopment, however more promotion is needed;
- steep slopes discussed, noting 19.99 percent for steep slopes with very steep slopes being at 20 percent and above. URDC will revise accordingly;
- Historical section will be forwarded to the Caln Historical Commission for their review and comments;
- various corrections were noted by Mr. Gilchrist and will be revised.
- Feedback prior to meetings is encouraged, to incorporate and be productive.
- The County was pleased with tonight's productivity.

With no further discussion, the Committee was asked to review pages 7-10 and 26-46 as proposed homework for the next session. An agenda will be compiled and forwarded prior to the session for review. Anyone needing copies of any of the materials is asked to notify the office prior to the sessions. Committee members were reminded to bring their binders to each session.

The session ended at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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