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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
February 10, 2021

PRESENT: EARL BOCK, ROBERT LINE III, ELIZABETH GRANT, BETH KIKLA members; Glenn Kelso, Zoning & Codes Officer; Laci Hockenberry; Assistant Secretary/Receptionist.

VISITORS:

ABSENT: Dennis Straub, Justin Smith, Kristina Lotwick

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Bock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 13, 2021 Planning Commission Organizational meeting minutes

Beth motioned to accept the January 13, 2021 organization meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Line and passed unanimously.

2. January 13, 2021 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Beth motioned to accept the January 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Line and passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: Chairperson Earl Bock would like to thank Beth Kikla for all the work she has done on revising and organizing the Comp Plan, it has helped immensely.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

REVIEW OF PLANS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Comp Plan – Introduction Discussion and Direction.

Beth Kikla gave a brief overview of changes and comments she provided on a revised copy of the Comp Plan. She noted an inclusion on inner dependencies and cross border municipalities she added to the introduction to meet MPC requirements. Beth also added a section on a placeholder for community outreach, this is not required by the MPC. Beth stated she would like to focus on Chapter 2 for the meeting.

Bob Line stated in the introduction he would like to reword the first sentence of the second paragraph to “over the last several decades.”

Chairman Bock inquired about the community input section, and if there is a process that includes the public's input. If there is, there needs to be a section for input from residents included. If not, he believes we should strike it.

Chairman Bock suggested addressing the comments Beth provided to work through Chapter 2 and answer any questions listed.

Chapter 2 Discussion & Review.

Elizabeth Grant inquired if there was still a plan to convert chapter 2 into a table format? Beth Kikla confirmed and requested that another PC member take charge on developing a tabular format.

- (Chapter 2, Pg. 1) under Introduction Strike “Formulate an annual schedule for the year’s activities related to implementation of the plan.”
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 2, Strategy 2) remove Action 1.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 2 Action 3) Review ordinance as it is dictated, add County Planning grants to Lead Party.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 3, Strategy 3, Action 1) Add Township Staff & ASA to Lead Party.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 4, Strategy 4, Action 3) Chairperson Bock addressed Beth Kikla’s comment inquiring if there was a farm advisory committee created. Robert Line explained it is handled by the Farm bureau and USDA and therefore none was created. It was decided to strike Action 3.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 5, Strategy 5) reworded to be more “broadened” currently only Michaux State Forest specific.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 5, Strategy 5, Action 1) reword to include any invasive species and remove gypsy moth and spotted lantern fly.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 6) Add an additional Action (4) “Reduce soil erosion by participating in programs sponsored by the Cumberland County Conservation District that promote soil conservation.”
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 6) Add an additional Action (5) “Protect Air Quality by encouraging the use of alternate energy sources such as wind and solar and other “green” technology. Educate residents on programs and sources available for implementation.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 6) Add an additional Action (6) “Preserve prime farmland and limit residential growth in the agriculture zoned areas.”
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 7, Strategy 6), Implement Action 1 under Strategy 4 from existing Comp Plan into a new Strategy (6): Develop an integrated water resources plan. Protect surface and groundwater resources.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 7, Strategy 6) Add an additional Action (2) “Encourage installation of riparian buffers along streams, wetlands and vernal ponds. Establish riparian buffer standards. Include DCNR in potential partners.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 8, Strategy 7) There was a brief discussion to either revise or add an action to include “State support the implementation of county wide action plan.” After a brief discussion, Elizabeth Grant will review and submit either revision or addition to Beth Kikla.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 8, Strategy 8, Action 1) Reword “Identify and document” to “Review and update periodically”
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 9, Strategy 8, Action 2) Action 2 Change “Document” to “Review and update” the chronological history of the Township including significant people, places, and events. Strike “as well as the Township’s role or relationship to state or national movements or events.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 9, Strategy 8, Action 4) Change “Determine” to “Ongoing review” of specific structures or neighborhoods that should be targeted for historic preservation.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 10) There was a brief discussion on the Housing & Economic Development Section. There was question if there is a distinct legal responsibility that states the Township would need to provide for, or step in at a state or federal level? Zoning/Codes Officer Kelso stated he is not aware of any specific wording it is more of a broad term. After discussion it was decided to change wording from enable to “encourage”.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 10, Strategy 9, Action 1) Add Municipal Authority to Lead Party Responsible.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 11, Strategy 12, Action 1) Change “Develop” to Maintain”
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 12, Strategy 13, Action 1) Reword “Implement” to “Review and if appropriate Implement”

- (Chapter 2, Pg. 13, Strategy 14 Action 1) Add County Resources to Potential Partners, change time frame to Ongoing.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 15, Strategy 18) Add DCNR to Potential Partners/Funding Sources
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 16, Strategy 19) There was a brief discussion to either strike or revise this strategy. It was decided to revise the section for the next meeting.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 16, Strategy 20) Add Township Engineer, Township Manager, & Zoning/Codes Officer to Lead Party.
- (Chapter 2, Pg. 17) Add and additional Strategy 21 for Public Transportation. Elizabeth Grant will provide language to add this section for the next meeting.

Beth Kikla stated she will go through and update changes and clean up comments as discussed and will do a fresh reprint. The PC devised a plan with the goal in mind of going through three to four chapters at next months meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT None

ENGINEER'S REPORT None

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT None

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT None

PARK & REC LIAISON REPORT Zoning/Codes Officer Kelso stated he had attended the Park and Rec Committee Meeting on Monday February 8, 2021. The Park & Rec Board will be presenting a Pre-Final plan in March.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT None

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Line motioned to adjourn the meeting 7:54 PM. The motion was seconded by Beth Kikla and passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laci Hockenberry
Assistant Secretary/Receptionist