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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2021

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

VISITORS:

ABSENT: Dennis Straub, Jason Reichard, Christian Miller,

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chairman Earl Bock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 9, 2020 Planning Commission Regular meeting minutes

Beth Kikla motioned to accept the December 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Grant and passed Unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

REVIEW OF PLANS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Comp Plan – Discussion and Direction.

Zoning/Codes Officer Kelso informed the PC that he has reviewed a few other Township's comp plans to compare them to ours. He suggests the PC members consider the structure and how they would like the comp plan laid out before picking, choosing, and moving the current plan around.

Beth Kikla discussed that she has also reviewed other Townships comp plans as well. She mentioned the Southampton Township comp plan as a good model due to its organization, simplicity, and minimal redundancy. Beth suggest taking the strategies from the implementation and items from Appendix 1 and incorporating them into chapters three through seven. For items that do not fit into the existing chapters she proposed moving them to the introduction or putting them into an additional chapter. The Appendix 2 would be reviewed and summarized to incorporate what is still pertinent.

Elizabeth Grant agrees with cleaning up redundancy and explained that the implementation is the heart of the plan, designed to describe the actions and goals of the municipality. She discussed laying the implementation out in a table format in order to give a brief overview without having to go into all the back story.

Justin Smith mentioned making the implementation table into an interactive webpage that could be utilized to quickly access sub sequential chapters for further information.

There was a brief discussion on how the plan has too many granular topics that are too specific for the overall guidance and the need to simplify and eliminate the redundancy. Beth Kikla will do a fresh cut of the plan and recreate chapters three through seven with the changes to submit to the board. She suggested the board read through the comments provided.

Chapter 1 Introduction & Discussion.

Earl Bock proposed a wording change in (Chapter 1, page 1, third paragraph) strike out “alternative to I-95” and replace with “corridor.”

There was a brief discussion to change Carlisle Borough in the first paragraph of (Chapter 1, page 1, first paragraph) to add NE direction.

Beth Kikla suggested removing the Planning as a Concept paragraph from (Chapter 1, page 2) and moving the bullet points into Expected Outcomes in (Chapter 1, page 4.)

Move sentence “Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended” (from Chapter 1, page 3 first paragraph) to the end of Legal Base for the Plan, (Chapter 1, page 4.)

Robert Line requested rewording the last sentence of (Chapter 1, page 1, second paragraph) “Until recently, the township had not experienced a great deal of development pressure”.

Input on STCC handout additions

There was a brief discussion on how to incorporate the ASA, Earl Bock suggested mentioning it in the implementation with a reference to Chapter four. The board agreed with this recommendation.

The board agreed to use Chapter two as more of a table of contents to list the overview of strategies with subsections within the following Chapters.

Justin Smith noted in Chapter four we need to incorporate ASA, Ag preservation and soils better.

Justin Smith suggested the need for an inclusion of the standards with a list of resources and where to find them.

Elizabeth Grant proposed to still maintain the actions as simple as possible in addition to the strategies. Earl Bock agreed that they are appropriate if it does not get too granular.

Beth Kikla will do a rewrite of what was discussed to clean up and organize the content and will submit it to the PC members to review before the next meeting.

The board came to a consensus of an allotted time limit of 2 hours for future meetings on Comp Plan discussions.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT None

ENGINEER’S REPORT None

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT None

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT None

PARK & REC LIAISON REPORT None

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT None

ADJOURNMENT

Beth Kikla motioned to adjourn the meeting 7:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Robert Line and passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laci Hockenberry
Assistant Secretary/Receptionist