

**WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS and
TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Joint Board Meeting February 16, 2017**

The West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors held a Special Joint Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the West Hempfield Township Municipal Office at 3401 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Chairman David Dumeyer and Board members Frank Burkhart and Naomi Martin were present. Planning Commission Members present were: Ronald Beam, John Rodman, Barry Carter and James Stuckey. Also in attendance were Andrew Stern, Township Manager; Melissa Kelly, Township Engineer; Jodi Heffner, Zoning Officer and Maria K. McDonald serving as Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Dumeyer called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board of Supervisors – None.

B. Township Manager

Mr. Andrew Stern, the Township Manager, informed the members concerning the update on the Raintree Project. Mr. Dale Getz, Public Works Manager, Ms. Josele Cleary, Township Solicitor, and Mr. Stern have been working with LASA to get that project moving forward. They are having LASA take over this project in its entirety, unless the Board objects. This will not increase the Township cost, and more than likely it will decrease it.

C. Residents

Mrs. Mary Stadden, located at 3217 Maplecrest Terrace, Lancaster, PA 17601 (Hempfield Green Development), thanked the members for letting her speak. She informed the members that about a year ago she and neighbors met with some of East and West Hempfield Township staff to discuss connecting their neighborhood to the Centerville Center Square with a paved walkway. She would like to know how to stay foremost in the minds of everyone regarding this issue and with what their neighborhood wants in the future and also what they would need to do to help assist in any way.

Mr. Stern indicated to all that they have been discussing sidewalks walkability for several months and one thing that he has recommend and believes that everyone has agreed to is an official map. At the end of this process, which can be six months to a year or more, the purpose of the official map is to identify future transportation and public facilities on it. This way if there are plans to develop a parcel, the developer will be put on notice there is intent to do a public item/feature. To answer one of Ms. Stadden's questions on how to stay on the radar, if it is on the map it will stay on the radar. The Board indicated for her to stay in touch with them and East Hempfield Township officials.

III. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

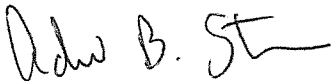
Chairman Dumeyer indicated that at the last meeting they were discussing walkability trail concepts. Board members Ed Fisher and Kent Gardner were not able to attend but provided their comments and suggestions. They discussed some ideas on connectivity and the basic idea of a Comprehensive Plan which is made up of policies, goals, tasks, and an official map to prioritize those goals. Mr. Stern handed out materials to discuss with all the members and staff. Their discussion concerned the different users and accesses and terrain for future pedestrian and bicycle trails and justifying the creation of these trails to obtain grant money. Also, they need to make sure that the push behind certain trails is not just a trend but actually a recreational demand.

Mr. Stern stated that he could set up a Wiki for topics to discuss for the Comprehensive Plan. He will send an email with the link. The topics could be tabbed and when they have an idea they could put it in on the Wiki under that tab topic. He also suggested that the Planning Commission members at their regular meeting discuss a topic for the Comprehensive Plan and then the Board could be updated and they could take it from there. The Planning Commission picked the topic Land Use and Mr. Stern indicated he will have an outline for them to discuss this topic at their next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dumeyer adjourned the Special Joint Meeting at 9:00 p.m. and indicated that the Board will not be going into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Stern
Secretary

