



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Meeting
February 9, 2012
Minutes
Approved

In Attendance:

Planning Commission members: Bob Schoenberger, Joe Stoyack, Shelly Krockner, John McTear, Chad Adams, Jim Dewees, Linda Layer, Ken Engle

Invited Guests: John Theilacker and Tony Robalik of Brandywine Conservancy;
Kathy McCarthy of the Chester County Planning Commission

Historic Commission members: Sarah Klemp, Ed Edwards, Nancy Copp, Brett Hand,
Mary Lou Farrow

Barbara Edwards, Bob Fetters, Jr.

Bob Schoenberger called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Community Sustainability Assessment – Introduction, Review

John Theilacker summarized the purpose and process of drafting the Community Sustainability Assessment (CSA) as the first step in updating the Township's Comprehensive Plan. John distributed a suggested Meeting Schedule in order to accomplish the Comprehensive Plan update by year's end. Tony Robalik had reviewed the Township's Codes, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances, Zoning Ordinances, Act 537 Plan, Open Space-Recreation-Environmental Resource Plan, etc. to determine where the Township's strengths and weaknesses may be in order to update all the applicable areas. The categories in the Sustainability Assessment correlate with the Chapters of the Comprehensive Pplan.

The Planning Commission's role is to provide feedback and prioritize the recommendations – determine whether they are short-term or long-term, what item(s) might the Community feel is more important than others, which recommendations should be enacted in the near future, etc.

Tony provided brief commentary for each of the CSA categories:

- Natural Resource Protection (floodplains, riparian buffers, woodlands, soils, steep slopes)
- Water Quality and Quantity (conservation, water supply, wastewater disposal, storm water)
- Land Use and Community Character (land use planning, character and aesthetics)
- Global Warming / Climate Change (green buildings, reforestation, alternative transportation)
- Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation (renewable sources, conservation, efficiencies)
- Mobility and Transportation (streets designed for accessibility by all users, parking, trails)
- Community Health and Safety (recreational areas, trash/recycling, housing diversity)
- Food Production and Security (preserve agricultural lands, farm stands, small-scale farming)

After brief discussion it was agreed that Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) were not applicable as Upper Uwchlan is basically built out, economic conditions will most likely point to re-development, new census data will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and the recently adopted Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resource Plan and the proposed Village Concept Plan will also be incorporated to provide direction.

The Planning Commission will schedule a Workshop for March 1 in order to review the CSA in greater detail and the regularly scheduled March 8 Meeting will focus on Land Development submissions.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Dewees moved, seconded by John McTear, to approve as presented the minutes of the January 12, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Ed Edwards commented how nice it would be if a path (trail) was available along Route 100 near the Turnpike overpass.

Barb Edwards commented that those who live in dense, attached homes care about their grounds and surroundings just as much as those who live in detached homes.

Adjournment

Ken Engle moved, seconded by Shelly Krockner, to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Planning Commission Secretary