

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**SPRINGFIELDTOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**February 21st, 2012**

The Springfield Township Planning Commission (PC) held its semi-monthly meeting on the date noted above. Chairman Bob Gutowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, with the following members present: Amanda Helwig, Mary Holland, David Sands, Bob Gutowski, Joseph Devine, Steve Schagrin and George Schaefer. Rob Dunlop Staff Liaison and Commissioner James Dailey represented the Township and Jean Holland represented the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) this evening. Absent were PC Members James Mascaro and Angela Murray.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 7th, 2011 meeting were read. M. Holland wanted the minutes to be amended to reflect her personal opposition to the sketch plan development as not being reflective of a true representation of a by right plan and too dense of a development for the location. Motion to approve the minutes with amendments made by D. Sands and seconded by J. Mascaro. S. Schagrin abstained. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Commissioners Report:**

**Commissioner Dailey**

The BOC approved new PC Member Steve Schagrin. Schagrin brings a broad background of experience to the board. He is actively involved in the community as a business man and humanitarian.

The BOC has found a number of volunteers willing to participate on committees. The BOC is looking at expanding certain committees and trying to re-infuse others new members.

**Old Business**

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

The PC moved onto their continuing discussion of the Comprehensive Plan. Present in the audience was Troop 320 of the Boy Scouts. They were present to witness our government in motion.

To summarize for the audience, the state requires an update of the Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The PC first prepares the Emerging Trends & Critical Issues Document (ETCI) which was the skeleton to the Comp Plan to create a guideline and solicit feedback from various groups in the Township to make sure that all critical issues were being addressed. After having held rounds of public comments, including an Open House, answers to questions meant to solicit dialogue were combined into a summary document. From here, J. Holland, our County Liaison, will prepare and Executive Summary to the results and R. Dunlop will prepare a cover letter to the BOC for approval of the ETCI Document and the Summary of Answers Received from Public Comments. It was agreed the all data collected will be located in the appendix of the Comp Plan.

**Public Comment**

17 Brookside Rd, Erdenheim. Eugenie McClintock commented that her biggest concern is Storm Water Management. That she was there to make sure that the issue is not just deferred to studies and that progress of the issue at hand continues to take place. Chairman Gutowksi responded that the PC does its best with every issue that comes before us, to exceed the required standards for storm water management and that they will also push to provide guidance to the Comp Plan to set precedence for strong storm water management.

1900 Hemlock Drive, Flourtown. John Biddle commented that he has lived in multiple locations in the township from high spots to low points. He suggested that in order to help with storm water management, we need stricter enforcement of building practices in the Township to make sure construction is done properly and to code.

225 W Wissahickon Ave, Flourtown. Austin Smith recalls his Troop helping a family in 2011 after a flood. Their home did not have proper drainage, and their yard and home flooded. He agreed, drainage in the Township must be addressed.

Motion to recommend to the BOC to approve the summary document and ETCI together and post on the web along with an appendix referencing all data/ public comments made by B. Gutowski and seconded by D. Sands. All in favor.

PC Moved onto Chapter 3 Goals & Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. J. Holland expressed that she would like to make sure that the Goals are broad; the Objectives are specific with direction towards implementation. In discussion it was decided that Sustainability be added as a Goal, and that Natural Resources and Historic be separated as well. Each PC Member volunteered to take on a Goal, review it and its Objectives and make sure that ETCI feedback is reflected. Each goal should be defined as to what it is, what it means to the township and that items are encouraged not necessarily mandated.

Sustainability: D. Sands & M. Holland (note; economic, social & environmental aspects)

Community Facilities: S. Schagrin

Natural & Historic Resources: B. Gutowski & J. Devine

Economics: A. Murray

Housing: A. Helwig

Balanced Land Use: G. Schaefer

Energy Conservation: J. Mascaro

Transportation: Everyone should comment

### **New Business**

505-507 Auburn will be on the March 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Motion by D. Sands, and seconded by M. Holland to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Minutes by A. Helwig, Secretary