

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
1031 VALLEY FORGE ROAD, WORCESTER, PA 19490
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

2. ATTENDANCE

Michelle Greenawalt, Bob Andorn, Jen Taylor, were present.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jen Taylor motioned to approve the minutes. Bob Andorn seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

4. WORCESTER TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE UTILIZATION AND ACQUISITION ANALYSIS

The Planning Commission briefly discussed two members' recent tour of the property at 3335 Fisher Road. It was agreed an address list should be assembled for the properties nearby 3335 Fisher Road, and the Griffith Property so those residents could be invited to a meeting to share their thoughts on future use.

The PC members requested that survey data and additional information from the Comp Plan be collected – as it pertains to these properties and their potential uses.

Pete Maxwell, President of FC MontCo Youth Soccer Club presented. Mr. Maxwell shared the organization serves roughly 650 children in the Methacton school district, 350 of whom are intermural players, and 300 of whom are travel players. Currently, FCM utilizes four separate locations through the school district, including Heeber Park and Mt. Kirk.

Mr. Maxwell shared information about the growing numbers of youth participants following the end of COVID, and from the growing number of young families in the area. Mr. Maxwell emphasized the need for additional playing fields to address the growing numbers of youth soccer events.

Pete discussed the club's use of current facilities. He reported the lack of lights and limited parking as current challenges. The club has recently erected temporary lights at Heebner Park following a local neighborhood petition to gather support. He shared their request was granted by the Board of Supervisors with no objections voiced.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Andorn asked Pete how many total fields would be necessary to service his club's target population of 1,000 youth athletes. Pete replied that about 12-15 fields would be necessary. The Planning Commission discussed several potential possibilities related to existing open space throughout the Township, as well as potential limitations of some of those spaces. Opportunities for shared parking were discussed as an

area requiring research as the Township considers use of the spaces. Lighting of fields was also discussed by the commission and Mr. Maxwell.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

- Discussion of agenda for Planning Commission Meeting

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Maxwell thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak with them.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM by unanimous vote.

active applications (review period expiration)

- LD 2017-02 Palmer Village, LLC (*review period waived*)
- LD 2022-01 City View (*review period waived*)