

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE TASK FORCE
REMOTE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 2020 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Stacy Crandell at 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:	STEPHANIE BAILEY	[X]
	ART BUSTARD	[X]
	WINNIE HAYES	[X]
	BURT HYNES	[X]
	LEE KOCH	[X]
	MARK LANDIS	[X]
	PAUL LEIS	[X]
	GEORGE MARKS	[X]
	JAY MCKEEVER	[X]
	ROBERT PACE	[X]
	PAT QUIGLEY	[X]
	TONY SHERR	[X]
	CHRISTENE STEERE	[X]
	JOHN WESTRUM	[X]

1. October 28 Meeting Minutes – Stacy Crandell called for any comments or objections to the minutes. Mr. Pace commented on the contents of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.
2. Public Outreach – Brian Olszak, MCPC, provided an overview of public outreach methods.

Ms. Hayes commented on public outreach meetings and open discussions.

Ms. Quigley commented on in-person & virtual meetings, and story maps.

Mr. Koch commented on public input.

Ms. Bailey commented on the use of story maps.
 3. Parks & Open Space – Brian Olszak provided an overview of steep slopes, flood plains, and riparian corridors.

Mr. Pace commented on riparian buffers on private versus public land.

Brian Olszak provided an overview of tree heights & canopies.

Mr. Bustard commented on tree species and their heights.

Ms. Quigley commented on tree health and safety.

Ms. Hayes commented on tree species and financial benefits of riparian buffers.

Brian Olszak provided an overview of open space acquisition & open space maintenance.

Mr. Bustard commented on the Milestone Development.

Mr. Leis & Mr. Westrum commented on cluster zoning benefits.

Mr. Bustard commented on the Growing Greener Ordinance.

Mr. Westrum commented on open space acquisition through development.

Brian Olszak provided an overview of current open space in the Township.

Pat Smith commented on the McGrane trail.

Ms. Quigley commented on the Township's open space in comparison to other municipalities. Brian Olszak noted the Township had more open space than most municipalities in Montgomery County.

Mr. Pace commented on the Stony Creek trail.

Mr. McKeever commented on public and private trails.

4. January 27, 2021 meeting – Brian Olszak provided an overview of next months meeting.

Mr. Pace commented on natural resources and wetlands.

Ms. Quigley commented on wetlands in the Township.

Ms. Hayes commented on contiguous forests, bird species, and deer populations.

Mr. Koch commented on endangered animals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Deb Walker, Worcester, commented on deer populations and the Palmer property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force, Stacy Crandell adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Andrew R. Raquet
Codes Director; Asst. Zoning Officer