

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE TASK FORCE
REMOTE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2021 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Stacy Crandell at 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

STEPHANIE BAILEY	[X]
ART BUSTARD	[X]
WINNIE HAYES	[X]
BURT HYNES	[X]
MARK LANDIS	[X]
PAUL LEIS	[X]
ALICE MAHONEY	[X]
JAY MCKEEVER	[X]
ROBERT PACE	[X]
PAT QUIGLEY	[X]
CHRISTINE STEERE	[X]
JOHN WESTRUM	[X]

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- February 24, 2021 & March 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Stacy Crandell called for any comments or objections to the minutes. The minutes were approved with one minor change to March 24th minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

FOCUS AREA OF COMP PLAN FOR DISCUSSION

- Draft Goals and Objectives
 - Public Outreach Updates
 - Brian Olszak, MCPC explained the timeline and went over the public outreach updates. These updates include an overview of the virtual open house that took place on March 24th. He also explained some of the other tools that they are developing including a StoryMap and how we can get the word out on the website and social media accounts. Brian also asked that if the Task Force knows of any upcoming events where a table could be set up and have information regarding the comp plan update to send the information to Stacy and we can see about attending those events.
 - Growth Management Goals
 - Brian went over the proposed goals for growth management. There was some discussion regarding if a vision statement should be added to the comp plan.

- There was discussion over some wording in the goals and revisions were recommended. There was also a discussion regarding zoning and densities of uses.
- Transportation
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives. There was some discussion in regards to the wording “all modes of transportation are provided for” and the concern about ATV vehicles.
- Infrastructure
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives regarding infrastructure including water and sewer. There was a discussion regarding the wording of “demand” for public sewer and water and the concern about the impact to the Township. It was explained that the Township has tapping fees for residents who would like to connect to the public sewer system and a developer would have to pay for any additional capacity or infrastructure that would be needed for new developments. It was also discussed that the Township cannot use this as a tool to control development.
- Preservation- Open Space – Parks
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives regarding preservation of open space and parks. There was a discussion regarding adding the wording of active and passive uses of parks. There was discussion regarding preserving natural resources.
- Environmental
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives regarding environmental. There was discussion regarding adding something regarding supporting the use of renewal energy. There was also a recommendation to revise the wording “environmental hazard areas” to environmental sensitive areas.
- Economic Development
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives regarding economic development. It was noted that this is a new section and it was not covered in the previous comp plan version. There was some discussion regarding the objectives and defining the numbers and percentages throughout all of the sections.
- Governance
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives regarding governance. There was some discussion on reviewing ordinances and making sure they are up to date.
- Housing
 - Brian went over the goals and objectives regarding housing. There was a question about the fair share study that is ongoing and the status. Stacy stated that it is ongoing and will discussed at a Board of Supervisors meeting soon.

NEXT STEPS AND NEXT MEETING

- May 26, 2021 meeting – Brian Olszak provided an overview of next month’s meeting which will be a review of the draft of the first chapters. Stacy stated that other committees take off in August and that the Task Force will probably have August off which will not affect the timeline. Stacy also encouraged the Task Force Members were asked to review the Upper Gwynedd Comprehensive Plan Draft. If there are any comments that any members would like to share regarding the comp plan, they were asked to send to Stacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force, Stacy Crandell adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stacy E. Crandell
Assistant Township Manager