

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE TASK FORCE
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Stacy Crandell at 7:01 PM

ATTENDANCE

STEPHANIE BAILEY	[X]
ART BUSTARD	[X]
WINNIE HAYES	[X]
BURT HYNES	[X]
JAY MCKEEVER	[X]
BRIAN NEWHALL	[X]
ROBERT PACE	[X]
PATRICIA QUIGLEY	[X]
TONY SHERR	[X]
CHRISTINE STEERE	[X]

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Stacy Crandell called for any comments or objections to the minutes. A motion by Wini Hayes to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Art Bustard and it was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

FOCUS AREA OF COMP PLAN FOR DISCUSSION

- Discussion on Open House in October
 - There was a brief discussion regarding the open house on October 27th. The Task Force will discuss it further at their next meeting regarding the roles of the Task Force Members and the event details.
- Draft Chapters – Community Character
 - Brian Olszak went over the draft chapter which covered Community Character. There was some discussion regarding the chapter.
 - Brian shared a visual concept for a gateway signage at Fairview Village. There was a discussion about design. Stephanie Bailey noted that she saw similar signage in Lower Providence and thought it was a nice addition. The Task Force agreed that the signage was a good idea but felt further discussion outside of this committee was required to discuss design elements.
 - There was a discussion about the goals. Robert Pace and Wini Hayes noted that the order of the goals should have the third goal be the first goal and the members agreed on this.

- In addition, Wini Hayes stated that she felt both first and last goal involving the mix of housing, densities and land uses could be put into one goal and there was discussion on that. Art Bustard commented that he did not like the term types and the Task Force members agreed that it should be deleted.
- Robert Pace suggested that this section was included earlier in the Comp Plan and that a description of sense of place should be in the beginning of the chapter. Wini Hayes added that she believes that this could be a vision statement that she had brought up in an earlier meeting. Robert also stated that it would be helpful if the principles of Universal Design chart was explained more in-depth or to reconsider the placement of that chart.
- There was a discussion on the types of housing that was suggested in the chapter. The Task Force members were not in agreement with the co-housing example and it was suggested to remove it. It was felt it was not the right fit for the community. The other examples of housing were discussed and the group felt that the examples needed more explanation.
- Burt Hynes asked for clarification on the Diverse and Attainable Housing Choices section. He felt it came across negativity towards the older population and felt a better explanation should be included. Wini Hayes added that the graphic below was very small in this section and asked that it be made bigger.
- There was a discussion about signage and benches. Stacy Crandell commented that the Township already has upgraded their signage around parks and facilities recently with branding that symbolic of Worcester Township. Wini Hayes commented that the bench example for the Recreation/Trail did not really reflect the rural character of the Township and would like to see if there are other alternatives.
- There was discussion regarding encouraging younger families to the Township. Wini Hayes stated that while the Township wants to encourage younger families to the community, it is important that the rural characteristics are maintained and that people moving from the city do not come out expecting the same amenities they have there. Art Bustard and Wini Hayes both stated that it was important that the higher densities were to be included in the villages. It was suggested that this was clearly stated.
- As a whole, the Task Force members felt that chapter could use some more explanation so that rural and historic characteristics that the Task Force members feel is important to the Township is presented clearly.

NEXT STEPS AND NEXT MEETING

- September 22, 2021 meeting – The next meeting will cover the chapter for Parks, Open Space & Preservation; Environmental Resources & Infrastructure. There is no August meeting.

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 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stacy E. Crandell
Assistant Township Manager