***Draft Meeting Minutes***

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION**

**AND JOINT MEETING WITH THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMSIONS**

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL**

**FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair DeLello at 6:30 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: RICK DELELLO [X]

LOU BETZ [X]

STEVE QUIGLEY [X]

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

* Chair DeLello, announced this evening’s Work Session was being video-recorded for rebroadcast.

**ATTENDANCE**

* **All members of the PC *(need to confirm via video recording)***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

* Dr. James Mollick expressed concern about discussion within development of the proposed comprehensive about specific properties and owners. He understood that the plan could have significant impacts on the use or future use of their property and expressed his hope that the comprehensive plan be used for the broadest goals not to address specific concerns or objections members of the committee or task force might have.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Comprehensive Plan Update
   * Discussion on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update.

Chairman DeLello thanked the Planning Commission members present and explained that there will be no vote on the Comprehensive Plan this evening rather this workshop was to have a general discussion with the Planning Commission. He by asking the Township’s community planner from the Montgomery Planning Commission Brian J. Olszak to review the process. The effort spanned over a two (2) year period there were a series of surveys, open houses, special task force involving some 17 Township residents form a diverse background. It was explained that updated comprehensive plan was meant to be a broad policy document pursuant to the PA Municipalizes Planning Code that would influence the details of the Township’s subdivision and land development ordinances, the zoning ordinances, capital planning and the even the general operations of the township. Both the adoption of the plan and the accompanying enforcement such tools and local regulations remain completely within the purview of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Quigley asked if there’s any housing mandates being forced upon the township by the county or state and expressed concerns, he had heard that they may be forth coming.

The chairman of the Planning Commission Mr. Anthony Shear explained the final recommendations of the Planning Commission will be forth coming and that individual members of the Commission still had some final comments which will be incorporated in that recommendation.

Discussion then centered on sewer plans for various parts of the Township. It was explained that the Comprehensive Plan did take a look at areas of the Township set for public sewer as well as areas to continue with on-site systems. As explained that lack of warning on these plans could result in significant expense to residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

In conclusion of this general discussion the Chair again opened the meeting for public comment. Dr. Jim Mollick asked the Comprehensive Plan gave any considerations for joint planning and shared effort to meet mandated land use requirements. Mr. Olszak gave a general explanation of shared zoning and explained on how it was used on other parts of the county. Meeting was concluded at approx. 6:12pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Work Session at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Paul A. Leonard, Interim Township Manager