

## **WARWICK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 23, 2013**

Acting Chairman Thomas Zug convened the January 23, 2013 meeting of the Warwick Township Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Thomas Zug, Jane Boyce, John Gazsi, Daniel Garrett, Nathan Flood, and Kenneth Kauffman. Craig Kimmel was absent. In attendance were Township Manager Daniel Zimmerman, Lancaster County Planning Commission representative Gwen Newell, and Rick Jackson.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013:** Acting Chairman Thomas Zug opened the floor to nominations for Chairman of the Planning Commission. On a motion by Garrett, seconded by Gazsi, the Commission voted unanimously to nominate and elect Thomas Zug as Chairman of the Planning Commission, Jane Boyce as Vice-Chairwoman of the Planning Commission, and Daniel Zimmerman as Secretary of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Zug convened the meeting for the remainder of the evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting as written.

**CONSIDER SEWER MODULE SUBMISSION FOR LITITZ RESERVE:** The Commission reviewed the Sewer Module submission for Lititz Reserve. The Township Manager explained that the plan will be further reviewed at next month's Planning Commission meeting. On a motion by Boyce, seconded by Kauffman, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Sewer Module submission for Lititz Reserve.

**REVIEW OF THE DRAFT OF THE ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP, LITITZ BOROUGH AND WARWICK TOWNSHIP JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN - IMPACT 2017:** The Township Manager explained that the Chairman and Commissioner Kauffman served on the IMPACT 2017 regional steering committee. He stated that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> update to the original plan that was adopted in 1999. He stated that demographic figures were reviewed as part of the plan update to address housing and land use for future generations. He explained that the plan as drafted is 20 pages; however it will include appendices such as census data, economic development data, and sustainable community assessments. He stated that the plan has been simplified to a more readable format. The plan objectives have been divided into 5 categories, Housing/Development, Built and Natural Infrastructure, Community Services and Quality of Life, Economic Development, and Education and Outreach. He explained that Education and Outreach includes multiple organizations that could reach residents to provide opportunities for them to help preserve the region and be part of the planning process.

The Township Manager explained that the TMDL report has been submitted to DEP for review. This report addresses MS4 and water quality requirements for Warwick Township and Lititz Borough. He explained that the report also provides verification that the Township and Borough have met the State's TMDL criteria. He noted that the State anticipates additional regulations pertaining to how municipalities address storm water.

The Township Manager explained that he met with the EDC committee to discuss the Local Commercial district to determine whether they can assist with initiatives in this region. He added

that this could also include areas in the northern end of the Township.

The Township Manager stated that committees will be assigned to the 5 categories under the plan to provide direction and recommendations for the listed objectives. He explained that the regional steering committee had all age groups represented.

The Township Manager explained that Rick Jackson, representing ELA Group, authored the plan. He noted that the committees will provide recommendations on how the plan's objectives are met. He added that Elizabeth Township is included in the Joint Strategic Plan, which now includes all of the municipalities within the Warwick School District. He noted that the three municipalities have different dynamics, so the plan provides guidelines rather than specific requirements to implement the objectives.

Garrett stated that one of the goals under transportation is to expand services by RRTA. He inquired whether an expansion of services is feasible since RRTA is currently in the process of reducing services. Jackson stated that one of the goals for Route 10, which serves the Lititz area, is to expand the sub-regional transit route into Elizabeth Township. Garrett inquired whether demographics would support the expansion of the transit route. The Township Manager explained that the objective to expand shuttle services has been part of the strategic plan since its inception. He stated that the committee agreed that they wanted to continue the objective in the plan due to economic issues relating to gas costs. He added that the retirement communities offer shuttle services, and the goal is to discuss the issue of providing shuttle services to the bus stops.

Gwen Newell stated that if the Commission wishes to revise the draft, they should provide recommendations since the Lancaster County Planning Commission needs the draft by early February to meet the time schedule.

The Commission members are agreeable to the IMPACT 2017 plan as proposed and recommend the plan to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Zimmerman  
Township Manager