

## East Bradford Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force Meeting Minutes March 30, 2016

A meeting of the East Bradford Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force was held on March 30, 2016 in the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, County of Chester, PA 19380-1822.

**Task Force members present:**

Kathy Bergmann  
Tony Biacchi  
Ken Cavanaugh  
Kathryn Deaville  
Sheila Fleming  
Andrew Schaum

**Task Force members absent:**

Vince Pompo, Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Tom Egan, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors  
John Snook, Member, Board of Supervisors  
Mark Bedwell  
Scott Bohn  
Harry Hatzipavlidis  
John Johnson  
Fred Rothman  
John Spangler  
Jo Anne Yarnall

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Jennifer Leister Reitz, Thomas Comitta Associates  
Dianne Herrin, Practical Energy Solutions  
Jeannine Speirs, Chester County Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Township Manager  
Mandie Cantlin, Assistant Township Manager

**Staff/Professionals absent:**

Thomas Comitta, Thomas Comitta Associates  
Natasha Manbeck, McMahon Associates, Inc.

Others in attendance: None

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** The Task Force unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from March 2, 2016.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Energy Conservation – Last month the Task Force asked Ms. Herrin to develop a matrix to illustrate a range of positions the Township could take on a variety of issues – from passive to aggressive. Ms. Herrin prepared and discussed the matrix with the group. The Task Force desired to strike a balance between recommendations that are practical, implementable, and provided the best cost benefit. They also wanted to select initiatives that the Township could take a lead role in implementing. Some of the recommendations the Task Force favor are:
  - a. A Township energy audit
  - b. Community outreach and education
  - c. Township electric vehicle charging station
  - d. Work with the COG to lobby for regulations that break down barriers to efficiency and clean energy
  - e. Community solar campaign

- f. Amend portions of the code to advance energy initiatives (e.g. adaptive reuse provisions, energy star requirements, first responder safety relative to solar panels)
2. Draft Comprehensive Plan – The Task Force reviewed the draft plan that was distributed earlier in the month. Comments included:
    - a. Recommending a fiscal impact assessment prior to rezoning; Task Force members agreed that it is equally important to evaluate the fiscal contributions (pros) as well as the impacts (cons)
    - b. Incorporating a reference to the Township’s position with regards to the earlier Rt 202 / Rt 322 bypass effort
    - c. Rechecking recommendations pertaining to ordinance amendments to ensure the language being recommended is not already existing
    - d. Including an implementation chart
    - e. Incorporating traffic calming measures where roadway improvements are recommended (e.g. paving Bradford Avenue (a recommendation) could result in increased speed, which could be detrimental to crosswalks (a recommendation); traffic calming measures could help reduce speeds and keep crosswalks safe)
    - f. Listing relevant locations identified on the Hearts and Circles map
    - g. Retaining the recommendation to consider lifting the dry status

**NEXT STEPS:** Ms. Reitz asked for final comments by April 4. The final draft will be submitted to the Township on April 15 and presented at a public meeting before the Planning Commission on May 3, 2016 (7:30 pm).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE:** At approximately 8:05 pm, the Task Force unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Mandie Cantlin  
Recording Secretary