

East Rockhill Township

Planning Commission Work Session Meeting

April 4, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

PC Attendees: Anne Fenley (chairperson), Nancy Booz, Dave Nyman, James Weikel, Blaze Youngers, Marianne Morano (Township Manager)

BCPC Staff: Mike Roedig, Luke Rosanova, Bryn-Erin Kerr, Christian Regosch

Public: One member of the public present

March Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Nyman requests that the word “demand” be replaced with the word “recommendation”.

Minutes:

Mr. Roedig introduces Ms. Bryn-Erin Kerr and Mr. Christian Regosch who will be covering the Historic and Scenic Resources and Transportation and Circulation chapters, respectively. Mr. Regosch begins discussing the Transportation chapter.

The PC requests that Perkasio be included in the list of large developments in close proximity to East Rockhill. As discussion of the chapter continues, the idea of tuning the language to focus on regional transportation, rather than transportation within the township, is brought up several times.

The PC suggests that the BCPC cite the Route 113 and Route 663 study that was conducted by the BCPC in the “Regional Network” portion of the chapter. The document is still used by the township. Mr. Nyman informs the BCPC that Schwenkmill Road is now called West Schwenkmill Road to avoid confusion with neighboring addresses. The change should be reflected within the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Regosch discusses the TIP program. Mr. Roedig and the PC discuss the funding options for establishing bike lanes throughout the township, including the DVRPC, grants, and the TIP program.

Members of the PC discuss adding material to the implementation section. They would like to expand upon the recommendation regarding the airport, ensuring that the growth of the airport respects residential neighbors. Additionally, another recommendation should be added regarding the continuing development of the trail system in the township.

Ms. Kerr begins to discuss the Historic and Scenic Resources chapter. The PC recommends adding clarification as to the location of Rockhill Station village. When discussing historic places in the township, the PC recommends that the BCPC look in to the Lake House Inn and determine if it would qualify as historic. Ms. Kerr will add language detailing the qualifications of a historic building. The PC suggests removing the paragraph that discusses Hagersville’s connection to Perkasio via 5th Street.

Mr. Rosanova discusses the results of the residential survey. The PC suggests adding a chart detailing where the township's population resides based on census data. Mr. Nyman further suggests adding a table and chart to support the graphs in question 9 (How important are the following issues to the future of east Rockhill?) as it may make it easier to understand the data. Additionally, Mr. Rosanova will add a chart documenting the data in question 12 (How would you rate the current quality of services in east Rockhill?).

Mr. Rosanova moves on to reviewing the survey comments. The PC discusses the tax comments at length. Mr. Roedig explains how the comments will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan.

The meeting was adjourns at approximately 8:50 p.m.