

**ovemEAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PA**

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING MEETING #4 MINUTES

October 21, 2009 – 7:00PM TO 9:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

East Hanover Township Planning Commission

David Craig (DC)	Chairman
Glen Moyer (GM)	Member
Mike Webb (MW)	Member
Nancy Sarcinello (NS), AICP	Community Planner
Leo R Scott (LS)	Community Planner

Members of the public present at the meeting.

Keith Oellig (KO)

1. **Open Meeting**
2. **Review Public Workshop 1 Minutes – No additional comments from the PC regarding.**
3. **Review of Transportation Items**
 - a. Review of transportation items on handout provided by NS
 - i. Reviewed bridge project completion status under Penn DOT Twelve Year Plan
 - ii. Consultants to check with Township Engineer regarding MPMS 74516 for project status (under design)
 - iii. Regional Scope Projects on the list were discussed
 1. Most of the projects listed in the handout were found not to be directly related to East Hanover Township.
 2. Hershey Intermodal Center was considered by MW and DC to potentially useful to the Township.
 - iv. Route 743 issues were discussed.
 1. Traffic Congestion and Safety Issues

2. LS reported on discussions with Dauphin DCED officials regarding potential for expanding Route 743 to 4 lanes from Derry Township to the I 81 interchange.
 - a. PC discussed potential Township Wide Transportation Study
 - b. PC discussed potential stakeholders and parties responsible for the expansion.
 - c. PC tasked the consultants with contacting major stakeholders for an expansion of the road and invite them to speak at a future meeting.
3. .NS inquired on the status of several Route 743 safety and traffic problems. These included
 - a. Site Distance at intersection of 743 and Canal Street –low priority issue.
 - b. 743 and Pine Rd – curve warning, pavement warnings, utility pole location – low priority issue
4. The following other transportation issues were discussed
 - a. Route 22 Access Management
 - i. Potential for larger impact development at intersections
 - ii. Parallel access roads for businesses along the route
 1. PC concerned regarding ownership of Parallel access roads
 - b. Potential Car Pool Lot – edits to the transportation map
 - c. Pollution: potential air pollution issues related to I 81 Rest Stop and idling trucks.
 - i. DC indicated that the best option would be to improve the existing rest stop and not for creation of a new truck stop.

- ii. NS suggested increased discussion with State and Federal authorities to improve the rest stop.
 - d. Scenic Roads: NS indicated that there are 18 scenic byways in Pennsylvania
 - i. Scenic Byway Status for EHT roads may lead to increased funding and other benefits.
 - ii. PC Indicated the following roads and sections have potential for consideration.
 - 1. Mountain Road
 - 2. Portions of Sand Beach Rd and Manada Bottom Road (portions of the Horseshoe Trail)
 - 3. Devonshire Rd
 - 4. Jonestown Rd
 - 5. Boathouse Rd.

4. **Develop the Future Land Use Plan / Map**

- a. PC tasked the consultants with developing a draft plan and map for PC modifications.
 - i. NS reported that the consultants have reviewed the 1993 East Hanover Township and Lower Dauphin Area Regional Comprehensive Plans.
 - ii. NS inquired where new development growth should go.
 - 1. KO indicated that commercial growth might be directed towards areas near Penn National and already developed areas such as Shellsville and Grantville.
 - 2. MW identified southern areas of the township along Route 743 and Hershey owned lands.
 - 3. DC and MW indicated that growth should also be directed to areas where utilities are more easily accessed.

4. PC discussed support for development in Village Zones, Buffer Zones around Naturally Restricted Areas, and clustered retail (highway commercial) along 743 and 22
5. PC discussed need for finding out what type of development major land holders in the southern portions of township would find appropriate.
6. PC indicated interest in establishing sending / receiving areas for Transfer of Development Rights
7. MW indicated that areas surrounding village zones and wooded areas may be appropriate for medium density residential infill
8. DC indicated that a change of density near the VFW Park to create a walkable neighborhood is also an option for consideration.
9. MW stated that it may be beneficial to direct higher density or more intensive development to the Southeast of the township.

5. Action Items (Identified in Meeting Notes)

- a. Consultants' Tasks
 - i. Draft Future Land Use Map
 - ii. Continue work on draft of Transportation Section