

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PA**

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING MEETING #4 MINUTES

August 19, 2009 – 7:00PM TO 9:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

East Hanover Township Planning Commission

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

Representatives of the following attended for comment and question on transportation issues.

Charles Longreen (CL)	East Hanover Township Public Works
Mike Kmiecinski (MKM)	Tri County Regional Planning Commission

1. **Opened meeting an Introductions**
2. **Overview of Comp Plan Progress to Date**
 - a. NS Reported to date completion of draft Demographic Profile, draft Natural Resources, draft Historical Resources plans, updated Goals, and draft table of contents.
3. **Review Transportation Draft Goals**
 - a. NS requested the board review the revised draft goals on p 6 of the goals document.
 - b. Alternative Modes of transportation – discussion regarding these goals are as follows
 - i. Public Transit –
 1. CL state that very limited service from County of Lebanon Transit (COLT) to Penn National raceway exists.

2. No other public transit service is existent in the Township.
3. MW - Public Transit may be out of the scope of the Township's capability to implement.

ii. Bicycle Routes

1. The PC indicated that at this time that planning for bicycle routes might be impractical or infeasible. Planning for bicycle routes may better tie into natural resources / recreation than transportation
2. In EHT, the bicycle is more localized and recreational in nature, due to the residents' work being primarily outside of the Township.

iii. Carpooling

1. CL indicated that there is an unofficial carpool location on Bow Creek Road near the Entrance to I-81.
2. PC - Discussed options to make an official carpooling area and discussed potential locations, and potential ability to purchase land for this use.
3. PC - Discussed Norm Ulrich's attendance at a future HATS workshop and that this should be a point of discussion for Mr. Ulrich.

iv. Discussion of other Transportation Goals

1. PC – Need to reduce number of new roads.
 - a. Maintains the rural character and reduce congestion
 - b. MW – stated that increase of traffic controls is also important
 - c. DC asked if reduction of access to arterial roads should be considered – CL agreed
 - d. NS brought up safety – DC agreed and stated this is a quality of life issue as well.

v. Discussion of Functional Classification Map

1. MW stated concern that the Functional Classification (FC) map shows roads that are considered local roads should be considered collectors. And inconsistencies with the FC to that which is on the ground.
2. PC – discussed origins of FC in EHT, and need to revisit the FC and possible update of the system. CL – agreed that there is a need to reclassify roads.

3. LS and NS – stated that the reclassification of roads is not in the scope of the Comp Plan, PC should recommend through the Comp Plan that revisions should be made.
4. MKM – indicated that PENNDOT has released a new Smart Transportation Guidebook (adopted in march), which contains classifications for both Rural and Urban roads. This should be considered for any reclassification project. Also pointed to federal highway aid system, which has classification guidance.
5. CL – stated that this will be an issue for consideration for the Stormwater and Flood Reduction ordinance work to come in the future.

vi. Pollution Issues

1. DC asked if this should be added to the Transportation plan
2. PC – Discussion of Idling Vehicles on I-81. Potential new PENNDOT facilities on I-81.
3. MKM indicated that there has been legislation passed on Idling Trucks. CL added that state enforcement might not be thoroughly implemented.
4. Discussion of potential locations for Pull off areas. CL- Penn National may be a consideration.

vii. Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Map Discussion

1. PC, MKM, CL – reviewed and confirmed status of 2005 and 2009 TIP Lists and locations on the map per request of LS and NS.

viii. Final Transportation Items Discussed

1. Growth Areas – PC stated that the next most likely growth area based on transportation would be the 743 Corridor as Rte 22 has mostly been built-out.
2. CL Stated problems also include excess truck volume on 743 due to Palmyra trucking hub, red light stacking on Rt22&743 intersection.
3. CL Stated that grants have been applied for to alleviate the stacking problem as well as to obtain battery backups for lights.
4. MKM – stated that Access management on Rte 22 is being stripped out of PENNDOT Plans. TCRPC regional plan goal is to limit access to 22. DC stated that there might be implications of the limitation rules to access for new EHT fire Department. CL confirmed this.

4. **Natural Resource Protection Plan**

- a. PC Indicated need for NS & LS to reformat plan text to include recommendations with each specific condition studied, Firm up text to remove indirect statements (could to should),
- b. PC has been tasked to review Goals, Natural Resources, and Historical Resource plans and provide comment to NS & LS via email.

5. **Discuss Plans for Public Workshop #1 Scheduled for September 16, 2009.**

- a. PC has been tasked to contact township regarding providing advertising of the workshop, Attend next BOS meeting to bring up the subject to the public.
- b. Discussion of Workshop format
 - i. NS states it is dependent on size of public turnout
 - 1. Large turnout – focus groups, power point display, and each group will receive set of goals and mapping to comment on (based on Chapters). NS suggested that PC members act as facilitators for focus groups.
 - 2. Small turnout – would be a presentation of the goals and maps for public review and comment on a chapter-by-chapter basis.
 - ii. DC asked what Comp Plan Items would be covered
 - 1. NS stated that the following would be covered
 - a. Housing Data
 - b. Goals (chapter 3-9)
 - c. Current Land Use Map
 - d. Natural Resources
 - e. Historical Resources and Mapping
 - f. Transportation Mapping
 - 2. Regarding the Historical Resources and Mapping portion of the meeting, an appeal to the public for volunteers to catalogue and map important historic resources would be made. This would be intended to create a springboard for Public involvement, to

strengthen the historical society, and to provide a more comprehensive overview of the Township's Historic nature.