

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
April 17, 2014 Workshop Minutes**

Chairperson Underwood called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. and announced that the workshop will be adjourned by 9:45 a.m. due to other meetings scheduled later in the morning. Present were Supervisors Paddock, Toddes, Underwood, Waybright and Ferranto; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wisner, Secretary Carol Merryman, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle, Police Chief Don Boehs and Township Engineer Tim Knoebel. Others present were Dale Molina, Carolyn Greaney and Andrew Merkle from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development. The workshop was recorded.

Engineer/Plans:

The first item on the agenda was discussion of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development's (the County) comments on the Draft Act 537 Issue Specific Study (the Plan) with their representative, Andrew Merkle. The County's comments recommend that the proposed plan should designate a proposed sewer service area within the planning boundary that conforms to the designated growth areas in the County and Township's Comprehensive Plans. Mr. Knoebel began by giving a review of the current Act 537 Plan that was adopted in 2004 which included an explanation of how the "planning or study area" was defined and he emphasized that this is not a "service area." Mr. Knoebel also explained that the proposed update to the plan is issue specific to PaDEP ordering Timeless Towns to update their existing sewage treatment facility, is specifically a developer project and there will be no cost to the Township. Mr. Knoebel also explained that any future development would require planning approval from the Township and PaDEP through a Sewage Planning Module. Mr. Paddock expressed his concern that the Plan does refer to "service area" in a couple of places and Mr. Knoebel indicated that the references will be removed.

Mr. Andrew Merkle reported that the County believes that you do identify where and to what density development goes by the sewer capacity available and you do a better job of protecting your rural areas by attracting development to where you have community sewer and water available. He added that identifying a service area is necessary where there is excess sewage capacity and it should be tied to both the Zoning and Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Merkle handed out a clarification letter from his office and he emphasized that they are not suggesting that the Township ignore anything that PaDEP is requiring the Township to do. They are recommending that the Township consider updating the entire Township Act 537 Plan, including the Greenmount Planning Area, following the completion and hopefully, adoption of the *Central Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan*.

Mr. Paddock stated that there are still some concerns with the Plan that he would like to go over with Mr. Knoebel. Chair Underwood and Mr. Merkel suggested that Mr. Paddock bring his concerns up at the Joint Comprehensive Plan meeting. Mr. Thomas stated that the Board of Supervisors will be voting on the Act 537 Plan update at their June 24th meeting.

Mr. Knoebel reported that the Shentel Telecommunications Tower Land Development Plan proposes a 135 ft. monopole on a 50x50 lease site on the parcel (owned by the Township) next to the Township Building. He added that there is an existing tower and the new proposed tower will replace that. He also reported that the project did receive Conditional Use approval, with a couple of conditions including: getting a letter from the National Park Service and doing a structural design for wind resistance. He added that he feels that the Erosion Control Plan can be a condition of approval and he will issue a new letter on Monday to be reviewed on Tuesday night.

Public comment: None

Manager:

Mr. Thomas reported that Smith Elliott Kearns and Company will be presenting the 2013 Audit at the regular meeting on Tuesday night.

Mr. Thomas also reported that the Board is reviewing the Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Investment Policies and hopes for action on them Tuesday night so the funds can be invested.

Lastly, Mr. Thomas stated that the Board is being asked to re-appoint Mr. Jack Bream to the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority for a five-year term on Tuesday night.

Solicitor: Nothing further to report.

Committee Reports:

Planning/Zoning – No report.

Public Safety – Police Chief Boehs reported that they have received the new Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicle and Car 1 will be sold.

Finance Committee – No report.

Park and Rec – Mr. Toddes reported that the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA) is holding an Open House on Friday night.

Personnel – No report.

CTA – Mr. Toddes reported that the agreement with Timeless Towns is moving in the right direction.

COG – Chair Underwood reported that the Legislative Forum will be held on April 24th and they will be starting a little earlier than normal at 8:00 a.m. and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Adams County Conservation District (ACCD) – No report.

Economic Development – No report.

Central Adams County Joint Comprehensive Plan - Mr. Ferranto encouraged everyone to take the survey on the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Andrew Merkle stated that they hope to have a draft of the joint plan completed by spring of 2015 and he stated that the County can also assist with the subsequent Zoning update.

CT411 – None.

The workshop was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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