

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM

Planning Board

Minutes

7:00 pm

December 20, 2018

Municipal Building

Call to Order

Chairwoman Marrone made the call to order at 7:05pm

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with Open Public Meetings Act

Chairwoman Marrone made the statement of conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Municipal Land Use Legislation

Roll Call

Present: Levenson, Mondy, Parikh, DiEnna, Maratea, Marrone

Also Present: Furey-Bruder, Kinney, Boulton

Absent: Foster, Menichini

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2018

Motion: Parikh

Second: DiEnna

Ayes: Parikh, DiEnna, Marrone

Continuation of Scheduled Matters

PB 18-14 Bank of America 2-7-2019

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

1. Environmental Resource Inventory – Review

Presentation of updated Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) and public hearing on the adoption of the ERI as technical appendix to the Township Master Plan

Township Planner Overview:

- Leah provided background context
- Current Township Environmental Resource Inventory is 10 years old
- Time to be updated
- Technical Appendix to the Master Plan
- Background for the Master Plan
- Use information from the ERI to make decisions; then use for density, preservation, where infrastructure should go etc.
- Document has a lot of value
- Policy recommendations and changes in the future
- Will be able to make recommendations and refer developers to it and such in the future

Dominic Mondri

- Environmental Resource Inventory Presentation
- Adoption 2009
- Partnership with Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Exists as a Reference Guide but currently not tied to Master Plan
- 2015 decided to review and update
- Revised is review of all data points that had old reference which needed updating
- Collected information and researched among team members
- Also contains many maps and visual reference data
- GIS map updates completed
- New document looks very similar but with updated references, etc.
- ERI will be attached to Master Plan as appendix; elevates it as a reference for Planning and Zoning; redevelopment down the road
- Not a policy setting document but more information
- Good information to help make decisions

Board Comments

- Mr. Parikh asked Leah if this was a binding document to the Master Plan
- Leah answered that it was not really binding; technical foundation but when developers do Phase I this is a resource they can go to directly
- Mr. Parikh asked if it references the definition of a playground
- Leah advised that it does not; this is not the Open Space and Recreation Plan this is Environmental Resources
- ERI is background for the Open Space and Rec Plan
- Open Space and Rec Plan inventories all of the open space and recreational facilities public and privately owned and makes recommendations to open space acquisitions or preservation in the future
- It is non-binding document; this one does not make recommendations; it's a factual appendix
- This is a reference

Dominic Mondri

- ERI ties into plans for Sustainable Jersey Program and Certification
- Plan for Silver Certification for this year
- Priority item – ERI updated within last 10 years and an appendix to Master Plan
- Improve town efforts
- Make recommendations to Council to make this document an Appendix
- Added benefit of helping Township to earn a higher certification Sustainable Jersey
- Document not bound and very large; list of data points and items to review
- Process and how it is used
- Not specifically in the Township's Charter but certainly within the purview
- Township Planner and Administrative Secretary worked hard to help get here
- A lot of volunteers also involved and put a lot of time into it

- Leah advised that there was a lot of expertise and resources on the Environmental Commission which was very helpful
- Maps were difficult to update; used branch of ARH to assist
- Best way to use is as an attachment to the Master Plan

Board Comments

- Mr. Parikh asked for a copy of the presentation
- Mr. Mondy advised that the file is large and Administrative Secretary advised that it would be available thru the Black Run website
- Hope for it to be available on the Evesham Township website once it is updated
- Chairwoman Marrone advised that this would inform future development decisions and it takes into account the impact of and best use of environmental assets, etc.
- Chairwoman Marrone asked for a Recommendation to attach to the Master Plan
- Township Planner inquired why a Resolution was not required as it is amending the Master Plan and should need a Resolution
- Board Solicitor advised it would be the Board's resolution to recommend to Council that they amend the Master Plan
- Township Planner advised that the Master Plan is adopted by the Planning Board
- Chairwoman Marrone stated that the Master Plan is in our purview so we can make resolution to amend this factual appendix to the Master Plan
- Notice was already done as required
- This is an appendix not law or regulation; not anything for Council to change

Public Comment

- Mr. Parikh asked for a copy of the presentation

Motion to Adopt Environmental Resource Inventory as Factual Appendix to the Master Plan:

Resolution

PB # TBD

Motion: Parikh

Second: Levenson

Ayes: Parikh, DiEnna, Maratea, Marrone

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Parikh

Second: Mondy

Ayes: All in Favor

Communications/Organization

Next meeting: January 3, 2019

January 17, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

