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Planning Commission Special Meeting Meeting Minutes June 30th, 2015

The June 30th, 2015 Special Meeting of the Middle Paxton Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Liz Rodda. The following members were present: Gary Deimler, Ralph Stone, Jeff Smith, Don Morse and Bill Kotkiewicz. Also present was Julie Seeds, Recording Secretary, Dianne Price, Dauphin Borough Council Member and Andrew Schwartz, Consultant with Environmental Planning & Design.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Rodda asked Ms. Seeds to affirm the meeting was properly advertised as a Special Meeting.

Middle Paxton Township-Dauphin Borough Joint Comprehensive Plan Review

Andrew Schwartz with Environmental Planning and Design (EP&D) was in attendance to review the Final Draft Joint Comprehensive Plan. A slideshow presentation was reviewed that covered seven (7) chapters of the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan itself consisted of seven (7) chapters with 127 pages that include pictures, charts and maps.

Mr. Schwartz reviewed the proposed timeline with tentative adoption by October 2015. In addition, Mr. Schwartz reviewed the 45 day review period as required by the Municipalities Planning Code. The 45 day review period does not start until all of the surrounding Municipalities, Central Dauphin School District and Tri County Planning Commission receive their copy of the Draft Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Schwartz also explained that comments will be reviewed after the 45- day review period by the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee and as long as changes are not substantive and only minor or grammatical a Public Hearing can be scheduled. The Township Solicitor will determine if the changes are substantive.

Mr. Schwartz stated the next step of the Draft Plan, if the Planning Commission moves to recommend the Draft Plan on to the Board of Supervisors, the Supervisors will then need to agree to initiate the 45 day review period along with Dauphin Borough Council at their meeting.

Chairman Rodda called for a Motion to move the Draft Plan forward to the Supervisors, Moved by Mr. Morse, Seconded by Mr. Deimler. A unanimous vote followed.

All Planning Commission members were asked to take the document home and review and send any major concerns/comments to Ms. Seeds who will forward them off to the EP&D.

Mr. Schwartz will forward to Ms. Seeds, Page 19 of the Plan that was missing, a sample ICA and the project schedule/timeline to be forwarded to all Planning Commission Members.

Board Member Comments

Chairman Rodda once again thanked everyone for their attendance to the special meeting and encouraged all members to review the final draft document.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Deimler moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mr. Kotkiewicz. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Julie A. Seeds Recording Secretary